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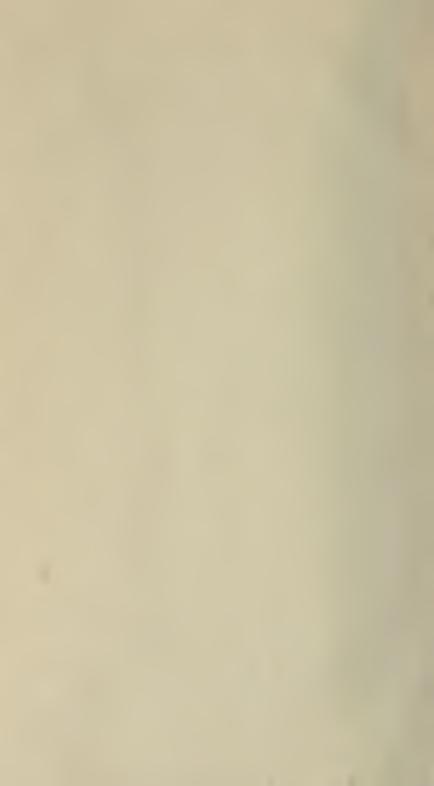
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CINCINNATI, Onto, May 15, 1845.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Cincinnati, on Thursday, the 15th day of May, A. D. 1845, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. George Junkin, D.D., Moderator of the last Assembly, from John viii. 32: "The truth shall make you free."

After the sermon, the Moderator took the chair and opened the session

with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Standing Committee of Commissions, reported that the following persons,* present, have been duly appointed and are hereby enrolled as commissioners to this General Assembly, and laid their commissions on the table, viz.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

I. OF THE SYNOD OF ALBANY.

Londonderry. Troy, Albany,

Columbia,

E. D. Maltbie., Albert T. Chester, John Clancy. David M. Smith. (2)

Geo. Davidson.

II. OF THE SYNOD OF BUFFALO.

Ogdensburg. Steuben, Wyoming. Buffalo City,

Thomas Aitken,

James McNair.

John C. Lord, D.D.(1)

III. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, New York,

Wm. B. Reeve.
James Harkness,
Reuben Frame,
James McDougall,
John M. Krebs, D.D.
John Goldsmith,

Peter V. B. Fowler.
Abraham Smith.
John White.
Walter Lowrie.
Micah Baldwin.

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BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

IV. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

Elizabethtown,

New Brunswick,

West Jersey,

Newton,

Raritan, Susquehanna, Luzerne, Orlando L. Kirtland, Charles K. Imbrie, Robert Davidson, D.D. Henry Perkins, Richard Curran. George Junkin, D.D. Andrew Tully, James M. Olmstead, Charles C. Corss.

Obadiah Meeker. James F. Meeker. Geo. W. Burroughs. George Sinclair.

Morgan Long. Peter B. Shafer. Henry Wynkoop. (4)

V. OF THE SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ebenezer H. Snowden. (6)

Philadelphia,

Philadelphia, 2d. Newcastle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle,

Huntingdon, Northumberland, Joseph H. Jones, D.D.
Matthew B. Hope.
Benj. F. Stead.
Robert B. Belville.
T. Marshall Boggs,
Elias Harrison,
George Morris,
John Moody.
Wm. J. Gibson,

James Patterson. (1) James L. Davis. (4) Alexander McCoy.

James Dunlap.

John Lytle. John F. McCormick. (1)

James Williamson, (1) John F. I VI. OF THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

Blairsville,

Redstone, Ohio,

Allegheny, Beaver, Erie, Clarion, Samuel M. McClung, Alexander Doraldson.

Wm. W. McClain,
Alex. T. McGill, D.D.
Thomas P. Gordon,
Thomas W. Kerr,
Algernon S. MacMaster,
Joseph T. Smith,
John Core,

Wm. T. Smith. (1)

Andrew Oliphant.

Francis G. Bailey. Robert C. Grier. Ezekiel Miller. Joseph Carson. William Gordon. (6) William Curll.

VII. OF THE SYNOD OF WHEELING.

Washington, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, New Lisbon. Henry R. Weed, D.D. Benjamin Mitchell, James McKean, James Robertson, Thomas Thompson.
James Milligan.
Humphrey H. Leavitt.
Hugh Gaston.

VIII. OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

Columbus, Marion, Zanesville, Richland, Wooster, Coshocton,

Coshocton,
Hocking,
Chilicothe,

Hiland Hulburd,
John Pitkin,
J. E. Alexander,
Luther Dodd,
Varnum Noyes,
John D. Whitham,
Wm. R. Gould,

Elias Chester.
Joseph Boyd.
Robert Marshall.
Andrew Conn.
Samuel Brice.
Archibald Barton.
Joseph P. Stuart.

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Chilicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, Oxford, Sidney, Maumee, William Burton, Samuel Newell, Nathan L Rice, D.D. — Adam B. Gilliland, Thomas B. Clark, George Vaneman, Samuel E. Hibben.
Isaac Ward.
John D. Thorpe.
Matthias C. Williams.
James Telford.
Frederick Henderson.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

X. OF THE SYNOD OF INDIANA.

Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, James Wood, D.D. Thomas Alexander, (2) John F. Crowe, D.D. John C. Eastman, David Monfort, Charles Woodruff. Wm. Burch. (2) Williamson Dunn. James Seller. James Blake.

XI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

Logansport, Michigan. Lake, Fort Wayne, Edward W. Wright,

William Brown.

Wm. K. Marshall, John H. Nevius, (2) J. L. Jernegan. (2) Samuel Hanna. (2)

XII. OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Schuyler. Palestine, Peoria, Iowa, Alexander Ewing, Thomas A. Spilman. Samuel Wilson, Stephen Bliss. Samuel C. McCune. John Stocker. James A. Ramsey.

John Clarke.

XIII. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

Missouri, St. Louis, Palmyra, Potosi, Upper Missouri,

Wm. S. C. John Wm.

H. P. Goodrich, D.D. (2) Wm. S. Potts, D.D. (2) Isaac A. Dick. S. C. McConnell. (2)

John F. Cowan, (2) John D. Peers. Wm. Dickson. (2)

XIV. OF THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

Louisville,
Muhlenburg,
Transylvania,
West Lexington,
Ebenezer,

David C. Proctor, Isaac Bard, John H. Brown, N. H. Hall, John C. Bayless, Wm. Q. Morton. James J. Miles. John Barret. Waller Bullock. James M. Preston. (5)

XV. OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

Greenbrier, Lexington, Winchester, West Hanover,

East Hanover, Montgomery, Robert Osborn, John Hendren, D.D. Robert S. Bell. Samuel J. Price, Francis S. Sampson, Samuel J. Cassells, James N. Lewis,

Robert Mitchell. John Alexander. (3)

Francis N. Watkins. A. D. Dickinson. Abel Head. John B. J. Logan.

XVI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Orange,
Fayetteville,
Concord,

Jacob Doll,
Drury Lacy,
Neill McKay,
Wm. A. Hall,
H. B. Cunningham.

John Bullock. John Dickerson. Wm. McCallum. James Gillespic.

XVII. OF THE SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

Holston, West Tennessee, Nashville, North Alobama. Western District, Archibald A. Mathes. James M. Arnell, John T. Edgar, D.D.

Samuel II. Armstrong. N. A. McNairy.

George W. Coons. (5)

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

XVIII. OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

South Carolina, Bethel.

Harmony, Charleston, Georgia.

Hopewell, Flint River, Florida. Cherokee,

D. McNeill Turner, Ferdinand Jacobs. George C. Gregg, James H. Thornwell.

Anthony G. Campbell.

J. K. Douglas.

Francis Bowman. Joseph Y. Alexander. (3)

Nathaniel A. Pratt,

James Hoge,

XIX. OF THE SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, East Alabama,

Wm. T. Hamilton, D.D. Thomas Morrow, John Warnock.

Samuel B. Pickens. Squire Lowry.

XX. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

Mississippi, Louisiana, Clinton. Tombeckbee, Chickasaw.

Arkansas. Indian. New Orleans, Azarialı R. Graves, (2) Abraham Hagaman, R. McInnis.

Henry McDonald, James Weatherby, John Gunby. George P. Lilly.

Duncan McDougall. (6) Ebenezer Kilpatrick. (3)

Jerome Twitchell. (1)

XXI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA,

In connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Lodiana. Furrukabad. Allahabad.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of) Connecticut. Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, General Association of Massachusetts. General Convention of Vermont. General Association of

New Hampshire.

General Conference of Rev. Stephen Thurston. General Synod of the

Reformed Protestant Rev. John Knox, D.D. Dutch Church.

General Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The Committee further reported that James Williamson, Bishop, and John F. McCormick, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Northumberland; James Patterson, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Donegal, and William T. Smith, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Blairsville, are present without commissions.

Also that the following persons have presented commissions from new Presbyteries, viz. John C. Lord, D.D., Bishop, from the Presbytery of Buffalo City, and Jerome Twitchell, Bishop, from the Presbytery of New Orleans.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received official information of the organization of the following new Presbyteries, viz. Buffalo City, by the Synod of Buffalo, and New Orleans by the Synod of Mississippi.

On motion, Resolved, That the foregoing new Presbyteries be enrolled,

and that the Commissioners therefrom be admitted to their seats.

On motion, Messrs. Lacy, Crowe, A. T. Chester, P. B. Shafer and James Gillespie, were appointed a Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the claims of the Commissioners before named, who are without commissions. And then the Assembly took a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

After recess the Assembly met and resumed business.

The Rev. John M. Krebs, D.D was then elected Moderator.

Dr. Krebs hereupon renewed the tender of his resignation as Permanent Clerk, which had been postponed from last year by the request of the last

Assembly, whereupon on motion it was

Resolved, That the resignation of Dr. Krebs be accepted, with a cordial acknowledgment, on the part of the Assembly, of the faithfulness and ability with which the duties of his office have been performed during the period of eight years past.

The Rev. Robert Davidson, D.D. was then unanimously elected Perma-

nent Clerk, and the Rev. Matthew B. Hope, Temporary Clerk.

The Standing Docket was read by the Stated Clerk; and the printed Minutes of the last Assembly were distributed among the members.

It was ordered that five hundred copies of the Roll of the Assembly be

printed for the use of the members.

The Committee of Elections reported the following additional members, viz. the Rev. James Williamson, and John F. McCormick, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Northumberland; James Patterson, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Donegal; and William T. Smith, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Blairsville.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be a standing order of this body, to commence the morning sessions at 9 o'clock and close them at half-past 12, and to commence the afternoon sessions at half-past 3, and close them at 6.

The Assembly then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY Morning, May 16.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last session were read and

approved.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional members, viz. Rev. Azariah R. Graves, of the Presbytery of Mississippi; J. L. Jernegan, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Lake; Rev. Thomas Alexander, and William Burch, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Vincennes; Rev. William Dickson, of the Presbytery of Upper Missouri; Rev. Samuel C. McConnell, of the Presbytery of Palmyra; Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich, D.D., of the Presbytery of Missouri; Rev. William S. Potts, D.D., of the Presbytery of St. Louis; Rev. John F. Cowan, of the Presbytery of Potosi.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received official information of the organization of the new Presbytery of Fort Wayne, by the Synod of Northern Indiana, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery aforesaid be enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees; viz.

On Bills and Overtures.—Rev. Messrs. Junkin, Rice, Lacy, Jones, Bowman, Lord, Belville, N. H. Hall, Frame, Burton; and Ruling Elders, Grier, Fowler, Burroughs, McNairy, and Long.

Judicial Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Goldsmith, Weed, Monfort, Hamilton, Moody, Thornwell, Clancy, Harrison, Cassells, and Edgar; and Ruling El-

ders, Leavitt, Watkins, Shafer, Marshall, and Davidson.

On Finance.—Rev. Messrs. Albert T. Chester, Imbrie, and McInnis; and

Ruling Elders, Baldwin and Bullock.

On Mileage.—Ruling Elders, Messrs. Dunlap, John Dickenson, and Morton.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. Messrs. Brown, Stead, McClain; and Ruling

Elders, Oliphant and S. Lowrie.

On Devotional Exercises.—Rev. Messrs. Williamson, Bell, Olmstead.
On the Narrative.—Rev. Messrs. Wood, Crowe, McDougall; and Ruling Elders, McCoy, and A. D. Dickinson.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Rev. Messrs. McGill, Hope, Bayless; and

Ruling Elders, Sinclair and Thorpe.

The following Committees were appointed on Synodical Records, viz. Albany.—Rev. Messrs. Sampson and McClung; Ruling Elder, Gaston. Buffalo.—Rev. Messrs. Wright and Turner; Ruling Elder, Conn.

New York.—Rev. Messrs. Alexander and McKay; Ruling Elder, Lilly. New Jersey.—Rev. Messrs. Spilman and Mathes; Ruling Elder, Stuart. Philadelphia.—Rev. Messrs. McKean and Proctor; Ruling Elder, Gilles-

pie.

Pittsburgh.—Rev. Messrs. Tully and Jacobs; and Ruling Elder, Pickens.

Wheeling.—Rev. Messrs. Maltbie and Gregg; and Ruling Elder, Gunby.

Ohio.—Rev. Messrs. Perkins and Weatherby; and Ruling Elder, O.

Meeker.

Cincinnati.—Rev. Messrs. Curran and Price; and Ruling Elder, McNairy. Indiana.—Rev. Messrs. Kirtland and W. A. Hall; and Ruling Elder,

McCallum.

Northern Indiana.—Rev. Messrs. Reeve and Pratt; and Ruling Elder,

Douglass.

Rev. Messrs. Gibson and Twitchell; and Ruling Elder, Camp-

Missouri.-Rev. Messrs. Arnell and Dodd, and James Hoge.

Kentucky.—Rev. Messrs. Harkness and Ewing; and Ruling Elder, Seller

Virginia.—Rev. Messrs. Morris and Kerr; and Ruling Elder, Thompson.
North Carolina.—Rev. Messrs. Gould and Aitkin, and Ruling Elder,
Barton.

West Tennessee.—Rev. Messrs. Goodrich and Donaldson; and Ruling Elder, Williams.

South Carolina and Georgia.—Rev. Messrs. Newell and Corss; and Ruling Elder, Miller.

Alubama.—Rev. Messrs. Gordon and Pitkin; and Ruling Elder, Blake.

Mississippi.—Rev. Messrs. Marshall and Core; and Ruling Elder, J. F.

Meeker.

Messrs. Hope, Wood, and W. Lowrie, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the anniversaries of the Boards of the Church.

Certain overtures and memorials were presented, which were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. A communication was received from the Free Church of Scotland, and was referred to the same committee.

A letter was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A letter from the delegate of the German Reformed Church to this

body was read and referred to the same committee.

Reports were read from the Rev. H. A. Dumont, delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island; the Rev. R. McCartee, D. D., delegate to the General Conference of Maine; and the Rev. H. Perkins, delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire; and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

A letter was read from the Rev. Messrs. Robbins and Spring, the delegation appointed by the General Association of Connecticut to attend this meeting of the General Assembly, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The Annual Report of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary

was read and ordered to be published in the Appendix.

The Annual Report of the Western Theological Seminary was presented, read, and referred to Messrs. McClain, Gordon, MacMaster, Smith, and Grier.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, and the Report of the Committee on raising funds for the Seminary at Princeton, were presented, and referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion, Messrs. Olmstead, Belville, and A. Smith were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to foreign ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly; and said committee were instructed to report on the expediency of continuing to send delegates to such bodies as have not for several years sent delegates to the General Assembly.

Several copies of the Minutes of the German Reformed Church were placed on the table, which, on motion, were distributed among the several

Boards of the Church.

The Assembly then determined to select a place for the next meeting; and it was agreed that the next Assembly shall meet in the Tenth Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, at the usual time.

The docket was now taken up; and the Report on the Marriage Question was made the second order of the day for next Monday morning, at 11

o'clock. On motion,

Resolved, that the Annual Sermon on Romanism be preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, by the Rev. N. L. Rice, D.D., on Tuesday

evening next, at eight o'clock.

The Committee on the Anniversaries of the Boards reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows, viz.: That the Board of Education present their report on Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; the Board of Foreign Missions at eight o'clock, P. M.; the Board of (Domestic) Missions on Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; and the Board of Publication on Wednesday, at 10 A. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to append an index to the printed minutes each year.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional commissioners, viz.: the Rev. John H. Nevius, and Samuel Hanna, Ruling

Elder, from the Presbytery of Fort Wayne; and the Rev. David M. Smith, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

The Synodical Records were called for, and referred to the appropriate

committees, and it was

Resolved, That the reports thereon be made the order of the day for Monday afternoon, at half-past three o'clock.

A communication from the Rev. John F. Wright, pastor of Wesley Chapel, requesting supplies for the pulpit of said chapel, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overtures No. 1, 2, 4, 5,

and 6, which were disposed of as follows, viz.:

Overture No. 1. The petition of the Synod of North Carolina and Georgia for a division into two Synods, and recommended that the request be

granted. Whereupon the Assembly

Resolved, That the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia be, and it hereby is, divided into two Synods, to be styled, respectively, the Synod of South Carolina, and the Synod of Georgia, and that the geographical limits of the Synod of South Carolina be those of the State of South Carolina; and that the geographical limits of the Synod of Georgia be those of the State of Georgia, together with the Territory of Florida—so far as this may not interfere with the limits of the Synod of Alabama.

Resolved, also, That the Synod of South Carolina be directed to meet in Pendleton on the first Thursday of November, 1845, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that the opening sermon be preached by the Rev. Edward Palmer, as Moderator, and in case of his absence by the oldest minister present. And that the Synod of Georgia be directed to meet in Macon, Georgia, on the third Thursday of November, 1845, at seven o'clock, P. M., and that the Rev. Thomas Goulding, D. D., be appointed to preach the opening sermon as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the oldest minister present.

No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4, were placed on the docket.

Overture No. 5. Two papers, one from the Synod of Missouri, the other from the Presbytery of Ohio, requesting the removal of the Board of Missions to the West; which were referred to the committee hereafter to be appointed on the report of the Board of Missions.

Overture No. 6. A question from the Presbytery of Ohio, "Is Baptism in the Church of Rome valid?" It was moved that the question be answered in the negative. Pending the discussion of the question, the hour for adjourn-

ment arrived.

The Permanent Clerk reported the following items of judicial business, which were referred to the Judicial Committee, viz.

1. A copy of Mr. McQueen's Memorial to the Presbytery of Fayetteville.
2. Mr. McQueen's Complaint to the General Assembly against the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

The Assembly being informed that several Missionaries, with an Iowa Chief, have arrived in this city, on their way to Iowa, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Chief aforesaid be introduced to the Assembly at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, when he shall be addressed by the Moderator.

And the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY Morning, May 17.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the calling of the roll be henceforward dispensed with.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional Commissioners, viz.: the Rev. Joseph Y. Alexander, of the Presbytery of Flint River, and John Alexander, (Ruling Elder,) of the Presbytery of Lexington.

A communication to the Moderator from the pastor of Asbury Chapel, asking supplies for the pulpit of said chapel, was received, read, and referred

to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was

adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That this Assembly celebrate the Lord's Supper in this church on next Lord's Day, at 3 o'clock, P. M.; and that the order of exercises be as follows, viz.

1. Psalmody and reading the Scriptures, by the senior pastor of the con-

gration, the Rev. Dr. Wilson.

Prayer before administering the elements by Rev. Dr. Edgar.
 Address and dispensing the elements, by Rev. N. H. Hall.
 Address, after dispensing the elements, by Rev. Dr. Goodrich.

5. Prayer, psalmody, and benediction, by Dr. Hendren.

Further, that a prayer meeting be held on Wednesday evening next, at eight o'clock, and that the order of the exercises be as follows, viz.:

1. Invocation and reading of the Scriptures, by the Moderator.

Psalmody, by Rev. Dr. Jones.
 Address by Rev. Dr. Knox.
 Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Thurston.
 Psalmody, by Rev. Mr. Perkins.

6. Address, by Rev. S. J. Cassells.
7. Prayer, by Rev. Prof. Thornwell.

8. Doxology and benediction, by Rev. Prof. Wood.

The Committee further reported that they had provided supplies for Wes-

ley and Asbury Chapels.

The Committee on Delegations to Foreign Bodies in correspondence with us, recommended that the Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D., be appointed as a Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D.D., be his alternate.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported—

Overture No. 3.—A collection of petitions and memorials on the subject of slavery. The Committee recommended that the petitions from Chilicothe and Donegal Presbyteries be read in the Assembly, and that a special committee of seven be appointed, to whom all papers on the whole subject be referred. Said petitions were then read, and a committee appointed, consisting of Messrs. Rice, Lord, McGill, N. H. Hall, Lacy, Leavitt, and Dunlap.

Overture No. 7.—A communication from the Presbytery of Columbus, on amending the statistical tables published in the Appendix to the Minutes, was read and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Gibson and Potts, in conjunction with

the Stated Clerk.

Overture No. 8.—An overture from the Synod of Cincinnati, on instrumental music in churches; and also proposing a correction of the last minutes, by inserting the word "Northern" before the word "Indiana." In regard to the former, the committee recommended that the Assembly take no order in the premises; whereupon, on motion, the matter was recommitted to said committee, and the second proposition was laid on the table.

The order of the day having arrived, the Iowa Chief, Na-che-ning-a, which signifies, "No-heart-of-fear," was introduced to the Assembly by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, together with Mr. Irwin, a Missionary

under the care of the Board.

The Chief, Na-che-ning-a, was then addressed by the Moderator, in behalf

of the Assembly, to which the Chief replied in his own tongue; Mr. Irwin acting as interpreter. Mr. Irwin, being invited, then addressed the Assembly briefly, giving an account of the Iowa Mission, and of the friendly Chief present.

On motion, a collection was taken up to aid in erecting a house for the Chief, and to send some presents of provisions and other articles to his tribe. Drs. Rice and Biggs were appointed a committee to take charge of any further contributions for the same object. Of the proceeds, amounting to \$167,84, the sum of \$100 was ordered to be given to the Chief, and the balance, with five barrels of provisions, a donation from the citizens of Cincinnati, to be distributed among the tribe through the Board of Foreign Missions.

Prayer was then offered by the Moderator, and a solemn farewell taken by

him of the Chief Na-che-ning-a, in the name of the Assembly.

Overture No. 9.—A memorial from the Presbytery of Newton, to send down again to the Presbyteries the amendment proposed in 1842, on the subject of demitting the ministerial office. The memorial was read and docketed.

Overture No. 10. on the admission of Charleston Union Presbytery, was

read and docketed.

Overture No. 11. A memorial from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, on marriage with a deceased wife's sister, was laid on the table for the present.

The Finance Committee presented a report prepared by the Committee on raising funds, appointed in 1843, and recommended that said report be read; which was agreed to, and said report was placed on the docket, to be read hereafter.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, pending which the

hour for adjournment arrived.

A communication from the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Newport requesting supplies for his pulpit, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on devotional exercises.

And the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence that Mr. Ebenezer Kilpatrick, Ruling Elder, was duly appointed a Commissioner to this Assembly, by the Presbytery of Chickasaw. Whereupon Mr. Kilpatrick was enrolled.

The minutes were read and approved.

The unfinished business was resumed; and after some progress, on motion

The Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY Morning, May 19.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported as an additional Commissioner, Henry Wynkoop, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Raritan.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Assembly being informed that the Commissioner from the Presbytery of Sidney had been robbed on his way of the money intended by the Presbytery for the Contingent Fund, it was on motion,

Resolved, That the printed Minutes be sent to the members of said Presby-

tery without charge.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported a Memorial from Fort Wayne Presbytery, on the transfer of the Board of Domestic Missions to the West, which was referred to the Committee to be appointed on that subject. They also reported an overture from the Synod of South Carolina, on the subject of a division into two Synods, which arrived too late to be acted on, the matter being already decided.

Overture No. 8 was placed on the docket.

Overture No. 13, a communication from the Presbyteries in Northern India, stating that they had failed to constitute a Synod, and requesting further time; also requesting indulgence in varying in certain points from the constitutional discipline of the church. It was referred to Messrs. Potts, Hendren, and Watkins.

Overture No. 14, was placed on the docket.

Overture No. 15. A communication from the General Association of New Hampshire, on Slavery, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Overture No. 16. A communication from the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, inviting correspondence. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign

Correspondence.

Overtures Nos. 17, 18, and 19, were placed on the docket.

The unfinished business was resumed, and considered until the order of the day arrived, viz. the Report of the Board of Education, when said report was presented and read by the Secretary of the Board. Two resolutions were then offered by Dr. Junkin, which with the report, were referred to Drs. McGill, Junkin, and Edgar, and Ruling Elders McNairy and Baldwin.

The second order of the day, viz. the Marriage Question, was, on motion,

postponed, to resume the unfinished business.

Pending the discussion, the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported that the Rev. Stephen Thurston had presented credentials as a delegate from the General Conference of Maine; and as an additional Commissioner, James D. Davis, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

The minutes were read and approved.

Reports on Synodical Records were called up, being the order of the day. The Records of the Synods of New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Ohio, Indiana, Northern Indiana, Illinois, Virginia, North Carolina, West Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia, and Mississippi,

were approved.

The committee on the Records of the Synod of Albany reported, recommending that the records be approved, with the following exceptions, viz.—

1. The paging is all wrong after p. 184. 2. The Synod which met at Troy, October 10, 1843, was not opened with a sermon as our book directs, (Form of Government, c. xi. § 5.) 3. The minutes of the proceedings of any stated meeting of the Synod seem not to be corrected till the following stated meeting. 4. In general, the records are not kept with sufficient fulness and care; words are improperly abridged, or repeated, or effaced with pencil mark, &c. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati reported, recommending that the records be approved, with the following exceptions, viz.:

1. Frequent abbreviations—e. g.: "Pby." for "Presbytery"; "rec'd" for "received."

2. The hand-writing is careless, and, in some instances, blot-

ted. 3. No margin is left, and in some instances the writing is carried below the line, and down the margin, and will soon be worn away by the turning

of the leaves. The report was accepted and approved.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Missouri reported, recommending approval, with the following exceptions, viz.: 1. A defectiveness in the record on p. 102, consisting in the omission of the names of the absent members. This is at variance with their practice in former years, except in 1843; is contrary to the general usage of ecclesiastical bodies, and renders inconvenient the work of calling these absentees to account. 2. Verbal inaccuracies on pages 119, 130. On p. 119, the word "plains" is used for city "on the plains and in the wilderness." The intended antithesis is destroyed. On p. 130, it is recorded "that the last stated meeting of the Presbytery of Potosi having failed." The two parts of the sentence are antagonistical. On p. 130, also, the Temporary Clerk signs his name as Stated Clerk. 3. A wrong decision of the Synod in the case of the Presbytery of Palmyra. The Synod severely censured the Presbytery for expunging a part of their minutes, when it seems that the minutes referred to were not a part of the Presbyterial record. The Committee think the Synod correct in the principle which they laid down, but erred in its application. As a matter of taste and neatness, it would have been better to have left the minutes unobliterated, but the Presbytery had the right to expunge it, provided it affected not the integrity of the record. The report was accepted and ap-

The Committees on the records of the Synods of Buffalo, Kentucky, and Alabama, reported that the records had not been put into their hands, and were discharged; and these Synods were enjoined to send up their records

next year.

The unfinished business was resumed, and continued until the hour of adjournment, when the Assembly adjourned until this evening at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the evening, when the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented by their Corresponding Secretary. Addresses were made, and the report was, on motion, referred to Messrs. Weed, Jones, Lacy, Grier, and Morton.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY Morning, May 20.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported as an additional Commissioner, Rev. George W. Coons, from the Presbytery of Western District.

The minutes were read and approved.

Reports were presented from the Delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, the General Convention of Vermont, and the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts; which were read, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The Thirty-third Annual Report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and the Twentieth Report of the Trustees of the same Seminary, were presented, read, and referred to Messrs. Belville, Samuel

Wilson, White, and Davis.

The unfinished business was resumed, and continued, until the order of

the day arrived, when the Report of the Board of Missions was presented and read by their Corresponding Secretary, together with a Report from the Committee on Church Extension; which last report was read in part, when the further reading was on motion postponed. The whole was referred to Messrs. Sampson, MacMaster, Harrison, Potts, Montfort, John Dickenson, and Bailey.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be further heard agreeably to his own request in behalf of the Board, when the Committee shall bring

in their report.

The unfinished business was resumed; and after discussion, the previous question was moved and sustained. The main question came up on the motion, Shall the inquiry of the Presbytery of Ohio, "Is Baptism in the Church of Rome valid?" be answered in the negative? And the yeas and

nays being demanded, were recorded and are as follows, viz.

Yeas—Ministers; Maltbie, A. T. Chester, Clancy, D. M. Smith, Reeve, Harkness, Frame, J. McDougall, Kirtland, Imbrie, R. Davidson, Perkins, Curran, Junkin, Tully, Olmstead, Corss, Jones, Stead, Belville, Boggs, Harrison, Morris, Moody, Gibson, Williamson, McClung, Donaldson, McClain, McGill, Gordon, Kerr, Core, Weed, McKean, Mitchell, Robertson, Hulburd, Pitkin, J. E. Alexander, Dodd, Noyes, Whitham, Gould, Newell, Rice, Gilliland, Clark, Vaneman, Wood, Thomas Alexander, Crowe, Eastman, Monfort, Wright, W. K. Marshall, Nevius, Ewing, Spilman, Wilson, Bliss, McCune, Stocker, Goodrich, Potts, McConnell, Cowan, Dickson, Proctor, Bard, Brown, N. H. Hall, Bayless, Osborn, Bell, Price, Sampson, Cassells, Lewis, Doll, Lacy, McKay, W. A. Hall, Cunningham, Mathes, Arnell, Edgar, Turner, Jacobs, Gregg, Thornwell, Bowman, J. Y. Alexander, Pratt, Hamilton, Morrow, Graves, Hagaman, McInnis, Weatherby, Twitchell.

Elders—Fowler, A. Smith, J. White, W. Lowrie, Baldwin, O. Meeker, J. F. Meeker, Sinclair, Long, Shafer, Wynkoop, Dunlap, Patterson, Davis, McCoy, McCormick, W. T. Smith, Oliphant, Bailey, Miller, Carson, Carll, Thompson, Leavitt, Milligan, Gaston, E. Chester, Boyd, R. Marshall, Conn, Brice, Barton, Stuart, Ward, Thorpe, Williams, Telford, Henderson, Woodruff, Burch, Dunn, Seller, Blake, Brown, Hanna, Ramsey, J. Clark, Dick, Peers, Morton, Miles, Barret, Bullock, Mitchell, J. Alexander, Watkins, A. D. Dickinson, Head, Logan, J. Dickenson, McCallum, Gillespie, Armstrong, McNairy, Campbell, Douglass, Hoge, Pickens, S. Lowrie, Gunby, Lilly,

Kilpatrick-173.

Nays-Ministers; Lord, Burton, Hendren, Warnock, McDonald.-Elders,

George Davidson, McNair, Hibben-8.

Non Liquet—Ministers; Aitkin, Goldsmith, J. T. Smith.—Elders, Bur-

roughs, Grier, Jernegan-6.

So the Assembly decided that baptism in the Church of Rome is not valid. And the Assembly then adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported as an additional Commissioner, James M. Preston, Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Ebenezer.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported No. 20 and No. 21, which

were placed on the docket.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, reported in part, nominating individuals to fill vacancies in the Board, and recommending that the election be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past nine, A. M. The recommendation was adopted.

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The Committee on the Report of the Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary, and the report of the Trustees of the same, reported, recommending that said reports be approved, and printed in the Appendix. The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee to nominate Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary, reported certain nominations, and recommended that the election be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past three, P. M. The recommenda-

tion was adopted.

The Committee on the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Western Theological Seminary reported, recommending that said report be approved and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes; and that the act of incorporation, together with the supplement, be recognized and approved by the Assembly. They further reported nominations, and recommended that the election be made the order of the day immediately after the election of Directors for Princeton Seminary. The recommendations were adopted.

The unfinished business of the morning was taken up, viz., a motion to appoint a Committee to draw up a minute expressive of the views of the Assembly, upon the subject decided in the morning, viz., the invalidity of baptism in the Church of Rome. The motion was carried, and Messrs. Hamilton,

Thornwell, and Junkin, were appointed that Committee.

The order of the day, namely, the Marriage Question, was postponed, and made the third order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The Committee of the day for to-morrow alternoon.

The Committee on Overture No. 3, presented a report, which was read, and is as follows, viz.:

The Committee, to whom were referred the memorials on the subject of Slavery, beg leave to submit the following report:

The memorialists may be divided into three classes, viz.:

1. Those which represent the system of Slavery, as it exists in these United States, as a great evil, and pray this General Assembly to adopt measures for the amelioration of the condition of the slaves.

2. Those which ask the Assembly to receive memorials on the subject of Slavery, to allow a full discussion of it, and to enjoin upon the members of our church, residing in States, whose laws forbid the slaves being taught to read, to seek by all lawful means the repeal of those laws.

3. Those which represent Slavery as a moral evil, a heinous sin in the sight of God, calculated to bring upon the church the curse of God, and calling for the exercise of discipline in the case of those who persist in maintain-

ing or justifying the relation of master to slaves.

The question which is now unhappily agitating and dividing other branches of the church, and which is pressed upon the attention of the Assembly by one of the three classes of memorialists just named, is, whether the holding of slaves is, under all circumstances, a heinous sin, calling for the discipline of the church.

The church of Christ is a spiritual body, whose jurisdiction extends only to the religious faith, and moral conduct of her members. She cannot legislate where Christ has not legislated, nor make terms of membership which he has not made. The question, therefore, which this Assembly is called upon to decide, is this: Do the Scriptures teach that the holding of slaves, without regard to circumstances, is a sin, the renunciation of which should be made a condition of membership in the church of Christ?

It is impossible to answer this question in the affirmative, without contradicting some of the plainest declarations of the word of God. That slavery existed in the days of Christ and his Apostles is an admitted fact. That they did not denounce the relation itself as sinful, as inconsistent with Christianity; that slaveholders were admitted to membership in the churches organized by

the Apostles; that whilst they were required to treat their slaves with kindness, and as rational, accountable, immortal beings, and if Christians, as brethren in the Lord, they were not commanded to emancipate them; that slaves were required to be "obedient to their masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, with singleness of heart as unto Christ," are facts which meet the eye of every reader of the New Testament. This Assembly cannot, therefore, denounce the holding of slaves as necessarily a heinous and scandalous sin, calculated to bring upon the Church the curse of God, without charging the Apostles of Christ with conniving at such sin, introducing into the Church such sinners, and thus bringing upon them the curse of the Almighty.

In so saying, however, the Assembly are not to be understood as denying that there is evil connected with slavery. Much less do they approve those defective and oppressive laws by which, in some of the States, it is regulated. Nor would they by any means countenance the traffic in slaves for the sake of gain; the separation of husbands and wives, parents and children, for the sake of "filthy lucre" or for the convenience of the master; or cruel treatment of slaves in any respect. Every Christian and philanthropist certainly should seek by all peaccable and lawful means the repeal of unjust and oppressive laws, and the amendment of such as are defective, so as to protect the slaves from cruel treatment by wicked men, and secure to them the right

to receive religious instruction.

Nor is this Assembly to be understood as countenancing the idea that masters may regard their servants as mere property, and not as human beings, rational, accountable, immortal. The Scriptures prescribe not only the duties of servants, but of masters also, warning the latter to discharge those duties, "knowing that their master is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons

with him."

The Assembly intend simply to say, that since Christ and his inspired Apostles did not make the holding of slaves a bar to communion, we, as a court of Christ, have no authority to do so; since they did not attempt to remove it from the Church by legislation, we have no authority to legislate on the subject. We feel constrained, further, to say, that however desirable it may be to ameliorate the condition of the slaves in the Southern and Western States, or to remove slavery from our country, these objects we are fully persuaded can never be secured by ecclesiastical legislation. Much less can they be attained by those indiscriminate denunciations against slaveholders, without regard to their character or circumstances, which have to so great an extent, characterized the movements of modern abolitionists, which, so far from removing the evils complained of, tend only to perpetuate and aggravate them.

The Apostles of Christ sought to ameliorate the condition of slaves, not by denouncing and excommunicating their masters, but by teaching both masters and slaves the glorious doctrines of the gospel, and enjoining upon each the discharge of their relative duties. Thus only can the church of Christ,

as such, now improve the condition of the slaves in our country.

As to the extent of the evils involved in slavery and the best methods of removing them, various opinions prevail, and neither the Scriptures nor our constitution authorize this body to prescribe any particular course to be pursued by the churches under our care. The Assembly cannot but rejoice, however, to learn that the ministers and churches in the slave-holding States are awaking to a deeper sense of their obligation to extend to the slave population generally the means of grace, and many slave-holders not professedly religious favour this object. We earnestly exhort them to abound more and more in this good work. We would exhort every believing master to re-

member that his Master is also in Heaven, and in view of all the circumstances in which he is placed, to act in the spirit of the golden rule: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even the same to them."

In view of the above stated principles and facts-

Resolved, 1st. That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States was originally organized, and has since continued the bond of union in the Church upon the conceded principle that the existence of domestic slavery, under the circumstances in which it is found in the southern

portion of the country is no bar to Christian communion.

2d. That the petitions that ask the Assembly to make the holding of slaves in itself a matter of discipline, do virtually require this judicatory to dissolve itself, and abandon the organization under which, by the Divine blessing, it has so long prospered. The tendency is evidently to separate the northern from the southern portion of the Church; a result which every good citizen must deplore as tending to the dissolution of the union of our beloved country, and which every enlightened Christian will oppose as bringing about a ruinous and unnecessary schism between brethren who maintain a common faith.

The year and nays being ordered were recorded as follows, viz.

Yeas—Ministers; Maltbie, D. M. Smith, Aitken, Lord, Reeve, Harkness, Frame, R. McDougall, Goldsmith, Kirtland, Imbrie, R. Davidson, Perkins, Curran, Junkin, Tully, Olmstead, Corss, Jones, Stead, Belville, Boggs, Harrison, Morris, Moody, Gibson, Williamson, McClung, Donaldson, McClain, McGill, T. P. Gordon, Kerr, J. T. Smith, Core, Weed, Mitchell, Hulburd, Pitkin, J. E. Alexander, Dodd, Gould, Burton, Newell, Rice, Clark, Vaneman, Wood, T. Alexander, Crowe, Monfort, Nevius, Ewing, Spilman, Wilson, McCune, Stocker, Goodrich, Potts, McConnell, Cowan, Dickson, Proctor, Bard, Brown, N. H. Hall, Bayless, Osborn, Hendren, Bell, Price, Sampson, Cassells, Lewis, Doll, Lacy, McKay, W. A. Hall, Cunningham, Mathes, Arnell, Edgar, Coons, Turner, Jacobs, Gregg, Thornwell, Bowman, J. Y. Alexander, Pratt, Hamilton, Morrow, Warnock, Graves, Hagaman, McInnis, McDonald, Weatherby, Twitchell.

Elders—George Davidson, McNair, Fowler, A. Smith, White, W. Lowrie, Baldwin, O. Meeker, J. F. Meeker, Burroughs, Sinclair, Long, Shafer, Wynkoop, Dunlap, Patterson, McCoy, McCormick, W. T. Smith, Oliphant, Grier, Bailey, Carson, Carll, Leavitt, Milligan, E. Chester, Boyd, Conn, Brice, Stuart, Thorpe, Telford, Henderson, Woodruff, Burch, Dunn, Seller, Blake, Brown, Hanna, Ramsey, Clarke, Dick, Peers, Morton, Miles, Barret, Bullock, Mitchell, J. Alexander, Watkins, Dickinson, Head, Logan, John Bullock, J. Dickenson, McCallum, Gillespie, Armstrong, McNairy, Campbell, Douglass, Hoge, Pickens, S. Lowrie, Gunby, Lilly, Kilpatrick.—168.

Nays-Ministers; McMaster, McKean, Robertson, Noyes, Whitham,

Gilliland, Eastman, Bliss.

Elders—Miller, Gaston, Barton, Hibben, Williams.—13. Non Liquet—Ministers; Clancy, Wright, Marshall.—3. J. L. Jernegan, Ruling Elder, was excused from voting. And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY Morning, May 21.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported as additional Commissioners, Duncan McDougall, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, and William Gordon, Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Erie.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred Overture No. 7, from the Presbytery of Columbus, on the subject of a more perfect designation of the employment of ministers without charge in Presbyterial statistical reports, recom-

mended the following resolution which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be hereafter required, in making their annual reports to the General Assembly, to place in the second column, opposite to the names of ministers without pastoral charge, as far as practicable, the nature of their employment; as for instance, President of —— College; Professor in —— College; Professor in —— Theological Seminary; Editor of ——; Teacher; Corresponding Secretary, or Agent, of —— Benevolent Institution, or Board of the Church. If disqualified for pastoral duties by failure in health, to place opposite the name of such, infirm health, and in all other cases, simply, W. C. i. e. without charge.

The order of the day was taken up, and the following persons were elect-

ed to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of Foreign Missions.

MINISTERS.

Daniel McKinley,
Wm. S. Plumer, D. D.
George Potts, D. D.
J. W. Alexander, D. D.
John N. C. Grier, D. D.
Edward Smith,
Thomas Smyth, D. D.
Gardiner Spring, D. D.
E. P. Swift, D. D.
W. D. Snodgrass, D. D.
John Gray,
Joshua L. Wilson, D. D.
Reuben Frame,
Samuel Miller, D. D.
Alexander Macklin.

LAYMEN.

A. W. Mitchell,
Thomas Pringle,
Ebenezer Platt,
Alexander Symington,
Charles S. Todd,
Samuel Winfree,
Abel Head,
Benjamin Emerson,
John D. Thorpe,
J. L. Jernegan,
Samuel Russell,
Peter V. B. Fowler,
Gilbert T. Snowden,
Robert L. Stuart,
W. Q. Morton.

The Report of the Board of Publication was presented by their Corresponding Secretary, read, and referred to Messrs. Lord, Clancy, and Baldwin.

The Committee to whom was referred Overture No. 13, being a request of certain members of the Presbyteries of Furrukhabad and Allahabad, in Northern India, to give leave to vary from the Form of Government in certain particulars, reported, recommending the following minute, which, being

amended, was adopted, viz.

Whereas, the Presbyteries and Synods in the different fields of Foreign Missionary labour, formed by the Missionaries under the care and in connexion with this General Assembly, from the immature and forming state of the churches, must of necessity be subject to some deviations from the letter of the Form of Government which was primarily designed for the churches in these United States, therefore

Resolved, That the Presbyteries in India must be left to their own discretion in the premises; and that, when they shall have organized a Synod, they adhere, as nearly as practicable in their circumstances, to our book, and report to this body all deviations which necessity may have compelled them

to make.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Ecclesiastical Bodies in connexion with this Assembly, further reported; and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

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To the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.—Rev. James Williamson, principal; and Rev. John McNair, alternate.

To the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts.—Rev. E.

P. Humphrey, principal; and Rev. John Clancy, alternate.

To the General Association of New Hampshire. — Rev. Alexander McGill, D. D.; Rev. Eli F. Cooley, alternate.

To the General Convention of Vermont .- Rev. Thomas L. Janeway, prin-

cipal; and Rev. John F. Clark, alternate.

To the General Conference of Maine.—Rev. John D. Matthews, principal; and Rev. George Morris, alternate.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.—Rev. William Neill, D. D.; Rev. Jacob Green, alternate.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be directed to construct, and have printed and bound in the latter part of each volume of the Minutes, a copious alphabetical index.

On motion, Overture No. 19—the communication from the Free Church of Scotland—was read, and referred to the Committee of Foreign Corres-

pondence.

Overture No. 10, on the re-annexation of Charleston Union Presbytery, was taken up, and the following minute was adopted, viz. Inasmuch as the subject brought to the notice of this house by memorial from the Charleston Union Presbytery, is undergoing investigation by several Presbyteries within the limits of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, therefore,

Resolved, That all consideration of this subject by this Assembly be inde-

finitely postponed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

1. Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions be approved, and referred to the Executive Committee, for publication and distribution among the churches, as extensively as may be found desirable.

2. Resolved, That the interests of our Mission in Northern India, imperiously demand, that the Press at Lodiana, recently destroyed by fire, be reestablished with as little delay as possible;—we therefore earnestly request the friends of our cause, who have ability, to aid in repairing this loss

without delay.

3. Resolved, That having watched with deep interest, the operations of the Board of Foreign Missions in Papal Europe, through the agency of the Evangelical Societies of Geneva and France, we recognize with gratitude, the good providence of God, in opening a door so safe and effectual, through which we can operate on that important and interesting field; and we trust that the churches will place at the disposal of the Board a much larger sum, to be employed in this department during the coming year.

4. Resolved, That the General Assembly still recognizes her obligation to labour and pray for the conversion of God's ancient and covenant people, the Jews; and while we deem it necessary, for the interests of the missions now existing, to guard against diverting any portion of the funds at present received, still, we believe the Church possesses ample means, to enable the Board at once, to send a Mission to the Jews; without, in the least, stinting

the Missions already established.

5. Resolved, That the facts and statements contained in this report, furnish abundant ground for encouragement and devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church, who, notwithstanding all our remissness, and manifold unworthiness, has condescended to grant us some measure of success; we also perceive in these tokens of divine favour, and in the new and almost

boundless fields opening before us, all bright with promise, a reason for

greatly increased liberality and prayer in relation to this enterprise.

6. Resolved, That the Church has abundant means to sustain all her Missions, either established or projected; and even to extend her operations far beyond any thing we have yet attempted. All that is necessary, is that our members should all realize their obligations to this cause, and come forward with one heart and one mind, to its support.

7. Resolved, That we have heard with the deepest mortification and regret, of the delinquency of more than half our churches during the past year; and we would here express our solemn conviction, that the time has now come, when no congregation, and scarcely any member, can refrain from giving something systematically to this object, without incurring fearful

guilt.

8. Resolved, That we regard it of the utmost importance to this cause, that the Periodicals of the Board be more generally circulated among our church members; the General Assembly would therefore enjoin it upon all her Ministers and Elders to see to it, that as far as possible, the Missionary

Chronicle be introduced into every family in our connexion.

9. Resolved, That inasmuch as Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but God only can give the increase, therefore we recommend to all our congregations to cherish a deeper sense of dependence upon the Divine Spirit; and that they give themselves more and more to prayer, that the blessing of God may crown with success all our plans, and all our efforts. Especially do we hope that this cause will be remembered with abiding and increasing interest at the Monthly Concert.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly are hereby tendered to the Rev. Dr. Rice, for the able and appropriate discourse delivered by him last evening, agreeably to the appointment of the last General Assembly.

The Committee on Mileage, reported the case of Mr. Smith of the Presby-

tery of Columbia; whereupon it was

Resolved, That Mr. Smith have the privilege of drawing from the Commissioners' Fund according to his mileage, on condition that he be accountable to the Committee on Mileage for the sum of ten dollars.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that they had given leave

of absence to Elder Archibald Barton, which was approved.

The Rev. Professor Thornwell was elected preacher of the next annual sermon on Popery; and the Rev. Professor Green, his alternate. And it was

Resolved, That the time for the delivery of said sermon, be the evening

of Tuesday immediately succeeding the third Thursday of May next.

Mr. Robertson gave notice of his intention, on behalf of himself and others, to enter a dissent, with reasons, from the decision of the Assembly on Overture No. 6.

An invitation was received and read, from the Agent of the American Sunday School Union, to attend an Anniversary Meeting of the Society on Thursday evening.

The Docket was taken up, and Overture No. 8, from the Synod of Cincinnati, on Instrumental Music, was read, and the following minute recommended by the Committee on Bills and Overtures, was adopted, viz.

Whereas by our Constitution, (Form of Government chap. ix. sect. 6, and Directory for Worship, chap. iv. sect. 4,) the whole internal arrangement of a church as to worship and order, is committed to the Minister and Session, therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly do not feel themselves called upon and

obliged to take any further order on this subject, but leave to each Session the delicate and important matter of arranging and conducting the music, as to them shall seem most for edification; recommending great caution, prudence,

and forbearance, in regard to it.

The Committee on Parochial Schools, appointed by the last Assembly, reported, requesting longer time, and were continued. Messrs. Hoge and Monfort tendered their resignations, and Drs. Phillips and Snodgrass were appointed on the committee in their place.

And the Assembly then adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up, and the following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

MINISTERS.

Rev. J. McDowell, D. D.,

" B. H. Rice, D. D.,
" W. M. Engles, D. D.,

" C. C. Cuyler, D. D.,

" G. Potts, D. D.,
" J. Johnston,

" J. N. Campbell, D. D.

ELDERS.

L. W. R. Phillips,

M. L. Bevan,

Ebenezer Platt.

In the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary:

MINISTERS.

Rev. Francis Herron, D. D.,

" E. P. Swift, D. D.,
" M. Brown, D. D.,

" W. B. McIlvain, " John Stockton,

" John Kerr,

" James Alexander.

ELDERS. Luke Loomis,

Henry Hannen, M. D., Benj. Williams.

The third order of the day was, on motion, postponed, to hear a report from a committee appointed last year on raising funds for salaries and scholarships in the Seminary at Princeton. The Report was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix; and the committee were continued.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Assembly approve of the appointment of the Rev. Cortlandt Van Rensellaer in behalf of the Princeton Seminary, and cordially commend his generous, disinterested, and highly important agency, to the favourable regard of those Synods within whose bounds he shall make his collections.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz. the report to the last Assembly on the Marriage Question, referred to this Assembly, and found in the Appendix to the Minutes, vol. x., page 422.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed. It was then moved that the General Assembly overture to the Presbyteries the following question: "Shall the last sentence in the fourth section of the twenty-fourth chapter of the Confession of Faith, to wit—'The man may not

marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than of her own,' be stricken out?" and that they be required to send up an affirmative or negative answer to the next General Assembly.

It was moved to postpone indefinitely the foregoing motion. Pending the discussion, the hour of adjournment arrived.

An invitation to visit the Cincinnati Orphan Asylum was received, read, and accepted.

An invitation to visit the exhibition of the painting of Christ Healing the Sick, was received and read.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY Morning, May 22.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported, as an additional Commissioner, the Rev. Ebenezer Hazard Snowden, from the Presbytery of Luzerne.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, reported that they had granted leave to Messrs. Nevius and Grier.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication, presented a

report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Publication, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions by the Assembly.

1. Resolved, That the annual report of the Board of Publication be ap-

proved, and that it be printed and circulated in the usual way.

2. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Assembly the affairs of the Board have been managed with great prudence and fidelity, and the increase during the past year in the sale and circulation of their volumes, is a gratifying proof of the growing interest of the Church and the public in the enterprise and the efficiency of the Board and its officers. The Assembly are of opinion, that the increase of piety in the churches, the maintenance of sound doctrine, and the future progress and influence of our beloved Zion, are intimately connected with the prosperity of the work committed to the Board of Publication. The Assembly recognize the good hand of God in the organization and continued success of an enterprise well adapted to counteract the prevailing evils of the time, to perpetuate the memory and the faith of the Reformers, and to oppose a bulwark against errors which come in like a flood; and they cordially commend the Board and the institution committed to their charge, to the confidence, the patronage, and the prayers of the Church.

3. Resolved, That the Assembly approve of the rigid adherence of the Board to the terms of sale which were originally adopted, and to which their present unembarrassed and prosperous condition is, under the Divine Providence, mainly attributable, and while in view of the wants of the West, and the representation of several Presbyteries of the importance of depositories at different points, the Assembly would earnestly recommend, as former Assemblies have done, the establishment of depositories by Synods, by raising the requisite funds to purchase the books required; yet they by no means consider it advisable to hazard the solvency, and perhaps the existence of the Board of Publication, by advising or directing the forming of depositories at their

own risk and expense, at the various points where they are demanded. The success of this great enterprise ought not to be put in jeopardy in its infancy by an extension of its operations beyond its means, or by suffering its capital to lie idle in depositories, or to be risked by doubtful credits. With prudent management now, the time may come when the means of the Board will justify an extension of its operations, either in the manner suggested or in some other way; but for the present the Assembly are clear in the opinion that the risk of establishing depositories should not be imposed upon the Board. This is not the only—perhaps not the most speedy or effectual—way of supplying the demand for books. Persons have been found in different parts of the country willing to purchase the volumes of the Board at the very low prices at which they are offered, and distribute them as colporteurs for the profits arising from the sales, and the Assembly believe the system may be immediately and successfully adopted in almost every part of the United States. They recommend this method of circulating the books as worthy of particular attention. The Assembly believe that it will not be difficult to find individuals within the bounds of all the Synods who may be induced to engage in this enterprise, and who would receive a sufficient compensation from the profits of a re-sale of the volumes of the Board, while availing themselves of an opportunity of great usefulness.

4. Resolved, That it appearing from the Report of the Board of Publication that they have not received sufficient encouragement to authorize the printing of the Minutes of the General Assembly, from its first meeting, in 1789, agreeably to the recommendations of the Assembly of 1843, it is requested by this Assembly that the Board prepare and publish, as soon as practicable, a full digest of all the important decisions of this judicatory from its origin to the present time, with a copious and carefully arranged index, to take the

place of the imperfect digest now in use.

5. Resolved, That the Board of Publication, agreeably to their request, are hereby authorized to apply, whenever they may think proper, for an "An Act of Incorporation," conferring such corporate powers to receive and hold property by devise or deed as they may deem necessary in the circumstances, and as the Legislature may be disposed to grant, provided always, that such act of incorporation, so to be obtained, shall be so framed as to recognize the immediate responsibility of the Board to the General Assembly, and shall in no manner change or vary their connexion with this body. All of which is respectfully submitted, &c.

The Committee submitted a list of nominations for vacancies in the Board of Directors; and the election was made the order of the day for half past

three o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on Mileage presented a report, which was read and

adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee on Mileage report that there has been paid to the Treasurer, on account of the Commissioners' Fund, the sum of \$121.82; that there have been 9,555 miles travelled by the Commissioners who claim mileage in coming to the present Assembly; which at one cent, two eightenths mills per mile, will make \$121.82; and therefore recommend that the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed to draw an order on their Treasurer for this amount; and that they be directed to pay the same to the several persons named in their report, in the proportion therein stated.

The unfinished business was resumed.

Pending the discussion, the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, when the following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication.

MINISTERS.
H. R. Wilson, D. D.,
Nicholas Murray, D. D.,
Samuel Miller, D. D.,
Joshua Moore,
G. W. Musgrave,
W. C. Matthews,
J. W. McKennan,
James Morrison,
Wm. Loughridge,
H. A. Boardman, D. D.,
J. C. Backus,
John Hall,

Thomas L. Janeway.

Samuel B. Molyneaux,
J. B. Martin,
R. H. McEwen,
R. McNair,
Matthew Newkirk,
P. Boyd,
J. W. Platt,
George Douglass,
James Russell,
Charles Collins,
James N. Dickson,
Wm. Dulty,
Henry C. Blair.

Mr. Robertson read the dissent of himself and others from the action of the Assembly upon Overture No. 6; which paper was, on motion, admitted to record, and is as follows, viz.

"From the action of the General Assembly in adopting the report of the Committee on Overture No. 6, on the memorials on the subject of Slavery, we the subscribers ask leave respectfully to dissent; because we think some parts of the report seem to contravene the standing testimony of the Presbyterian Church on the subject of Slavery; particularly the testimony uttered in the year 1818.

James Robertson, Adam B. Gilliland, James McKean, Samuel E. Hibben, M. C. Williams, John C. Eastman, John D. Whitham."

The unfinished business was resumed; pending which, the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY Morning, May 23.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted

leave to Messrs. Williams and Bullock; which was approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 22, being a request from the Board of Foreign Missions to the Assembly, to amend the fourth article of the Constitution of the Board, by adding after the word "treasurer," in the second line, the following; "with as many members of the Board as may be present." On motion, the amendment was adopted.

The Committee reported Overture No. 23, on the better observance of

the Sabbath; which was, on motion, postponed till after the Narrative shall have been read.

The unfinished business was resumed.

The previous question being called for and sustained, the proposition to Overture to the Presbyteries the following question: "Shall the last sentence in the 4th Section of the 24th Chapter of the Confession of Faith, to wit: 'The man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own; nor the woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than of their own,' be stricken out?" was decided; and the yeas and nays being called for, were recorded as follows, viz:

Yeas, Ministers—Maltbie, A. T. Chester, Clancy, D. M. Smith, Reeve, Harkness, Frame, McDougall, Goldsmith, Kirtland, Imbrie, R. Davidson, Perkins, Curran, Snowden, Hope, Stead, Morris, McClung, McGill, Donaldson, T. P. Gordon, Kerr, MacMaster, Core, Mitchell, Hulburd, Whitham, Burton, Thos. Alexander, Eastman, Wright, W. K. Marshall, Bliss, Stocker, J. H. Brown, N. H. Hall, Lewis, Doll, Koons, Bowman, Pratt, Hamilton, Morrow, Graves, Hagaman, McInnis, McDonald, Weatherby, Twitchell.

Elders—McNair, Fowler, A. Smith, White, W. Lowrie, Baldwin, O. Meeker, J. F. Meeker, Burroughs, Sinclair, Wynkoop, McCoy, Miller, Carson, McCormick, Curll, Leavitt, Boyd, R. Marshall, Hibben, Woodruff, Burch, Dunn, Seller, Jernegan, Peers, Miles, Barret, Gillespie, Hoge,

Pickens, Lilly, Kilpatrick.—83.

Nays, Ministers—Lord, Junkin, Tully, Corss, Jones, Belville, Boggs, Harrison, Moody, Gibson, Williamson, McClain, J. T. Smith, Weed, McKean, Robertson, Pitkin, J. E. Alexander, Dodd, Noyes, Gould, Newell, Rice, Gilliand, Thos. B. Clark, Vaneman, Wood, Crowe, Monfort, Ewing, Spilman, Wilson, Potts, McConnell, Cowan, Dickson, Proctor, Bard, Bayless, Osborn, Hendren, Bell, Price, Sampson, Cassells, Lacy, McKay, W. A. Hall, Cunningham, Mathes, Edgar, Turner, Jacobs, Gregg, Thornwell, Joseph Y. Alexander, Warnock.

Elders—Geo. Davidson, Long, Shafer, Dunlap, Patterson, Davis, Lytle, W. T. Smith, Oliphant, Gordon, Thompson, Gaston, E. Chester, Conn, Brice, Stuart, Ward, Thorpe, Telford, Henderson, Blake, Ramsey, John Clarke, Morton, Bullock, Preston, Mitchell, John Alexander, Watkins, A. D. Dickinson, Head, Logan, John Dickenson, McCallum, Armstrong,

McNairy, Campbell, Douglass, S. Lowrie, Gunby, McDougall.-98.

Non Liquet, Elder-Dick .- 1.

The Rev. Mr. Olmstead was excused from voting.

So the proposition was lost.

On motion, Messrs. Edgar, Lord, MacMaster, Jones, and Leavitt, were appointed a Committee to bring in a minute expressive of the views of the Assembly in regard to the question just decided.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Judicial Committee reported a Complaint and Memorial of Archibald McQueen against the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and recommended that the Complaint and Memorial be taken up in the order prescribed in the book. They were, on motion, placed on the docket.

The Committee on the report of the Board of Missions, Church Extension, and Overture No. 5, presented a report, which was accepted, and considered

seriatiin.

On motion, the Memorials of the Synod of Missouri and the Presbyteries of Salem and Fort Wayne, embraced in Overture No. 5, praying a change in the constitution and location of the Board of Missions, were read.

The discussion was arrested by the arrival of the hour of adjournment.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Education presented a report, which was read and put on the docket.

The Rev. Dr. Knox, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed

Protestant Dutch Church, took leave of the Assembly.

An invitation was received and read, from Professor Mitchell, to visit the Cincinnati Observatory. The invitation was accepted for to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY Morning, May 24.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to Messrs. Wood and Robertson till Monday afternoon, and to Mr. Bard for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on Finance presented a report, which was received, read,

and put on the docket.

The Committee further reported a paper relating to the subject from the chairman of the committee appointed by a former Assembly, and recommended that said paper be printed in the public journals.

The Committee appointed to draft a minute expressive of the sense of the House upon the Marriage Question, presented a report, which was read and

put on the docket.

The Rev. Mr. Fitch, Agent of the American Bible Society, was heard in be-

half of said Society. After which upon motion, it was

Resolved, That this Assembly learn with pleasure the increasing prosperity enjoyed by the American Bible Society, and particularly in respect to its operations at home.

Resolved, That we regard with deep interest, and commend with our warmest approbation and fervent prayers, its efforts to supply our entire population, Protestant and Catholic, native and foreign, with the Bible.

The unfinished business was resumed. Pending which, the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY Morning, May, 26.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave

to Messrs. Crowe, Marshall, and Elias Chester.

On motion, Overture No. 14, being a memorial from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg, praying for the erection of a new Synod, was taken up and read. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the following Overture be sent down to the Presbyteries composing the Synods of Kentucky and West Tennessee, viz.: The expediency of forming a new Synod, to be composed of the Presbytery of Muhlen-

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burg, now of the Synod of Kentucky, and the Presbyteries of West Tennessee and Nashville, now of the Synod of West Tennessee, to be acted upon by those Presbyteries, and referred by them to the next General Assembly.

The unfinished business was resumed, and continued till the arrival of the

hour of adjournment.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and it was

Resolved, That the Assembly meet, henceforth, at the hour of three in the afternoon.

On motion, the following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Education:

MINISTERS.

A. Alexander, D. D.
S. S. Davis,
A. Macklin,
W. S. Plumer; D. D.
J. McDowell, D. D.
J. N. Campbell, D. D.
N. Murray, D. D.
M. B. Hope, vice Rev.
S. S. Blythe, dec'd.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

LAYMEN.

Alexander Henry,
A. W. Mitchell, M. D.
M. Newkirk,
J. B. Mitchell,
Wm. Harris, M. D.
Wm. Nesbit,
Robt. Soutter, jr.
And. Harris.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 23, being a joint request from the Synod of Wheeling and the Presbytery of Greenbrier, that their common boundary line may be altered. On motion, it was referred to Messrs. Lewis, Core, and A. T. Chester.

Overture No. 24, on the subject of uniting the Seminaries at Allegheny Town and New Albany, was referred to Messrs. Hulburd, Clark, T. Alexan-

der, Thorpe, and Davis.

The unfinished business was resumed, viz.: the Report of the Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Board of Missions, the Report of the Committee on Church Extension, together with Overture No. 5, being sundry memorials on the subject of the removal of the Board and its increased efficiency, which, being read seriatim, was amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

"The Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Board of (Domestic) Missions, the Report of the Committee on Church Extension, together with Overture No. 5, being sundry memorials on the subject of the removal of the Board and its increased efficiency, report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions,

viz.

1. Resolved, That the said reports be approved by the General Assembly, and be returned to the Board for publication: and that the Board be requested to furnish the Stated Clerk of the Assembly with an abstract of the reports

for publication in the Appendix to the Minutes.

2. Resolved, That this Assembly hereby expresses its high gratification and its sincere gratitude, at the growing favour of the cause of Domestic Missions with some portion of our churches, as manifested by their increased contributions to it during the past year; and it would earnestly recommend the cause to a still more enlarged liberality, as one fundamentally associated

with the welfare of our church and country, and the best interests of immortal souls.

3. Resolved, That the Assembly approve the action of the Board in relation to Church Extension, and continue the management of this important enterprise with the Board of Missions on the plan adopted by the last General

Assembly.

4. Resolved, That the General Assembly, confirmed by the Report of the Committee on Church Extension in its views of the great importance of this means of building up our Zion, and regretting to learn the very small contributions of our churches in aid of this cause, do hereby most carnestly commend it to their increased support, and recommend to the Synods and Presbyteries to take such action on this subject as will secure its presentation to all the churches under their care.

In relation to the memorials which were put into the hands of the Committee, requesting a removal of the place of meeting of the Board, with a view to

its greater efficiency, the Committee report the following paper, viz.:

The very great extent of the field of operation of the Board, extending from the New England States to the extreme boundary of civilization in the West, and from the northern lakes to Florida, embracing every variety of habits, feelings and interests, and an equal diversity in the nature of the feeble churches and destitutions to be supplied, renders it next to impossible for any body of men located at any given point within the territory, however wise and energetic they may be, to manage to the best advantage in all the cases that arise. The present is also a great crisis in the affairs of the Protestant churches of our land, owing to the rapid increase of Popery and other heresies, many of which are entirely local in their character, and require to be promptly met by suitable men. The valley of the Mississippi has especially been selected as the great field in which Popery has declared her design to fight the battle for empire in this republic. With these considerations in view, together with the fact that the churches are by no means awake to the dangers which environ them, and the necessity of not suffering themselves to be outdone by the other Protestant denominations, while the General Assembly deem it altogether inexpedient to change the location of the Board, they adopt the following plan for giving increased activity and efficiency to its operations:

1. That a Committee be appointed by the Board with similar powers to that already located at Philadelphia, to hold its meetings at Louisville, Kentucky,

and to report monthly to the Board.

2. That a Secretary and General Agent be appointed by the Board, to labour in connexion with the above Western Committee, with a treasurer, and

other necessary officers.

3. That the supervision of the Western and South-western fields, the boundaries of which are to be designated by the Board, be committed to the above Committee, so far as procuring and locating missionaries and obtaining funds are concerned. But neither the Eastern nor Western Committee shall locate a missionary, for whose support they have not in their respective treasuries the necessary means, without the consent of the Board.

4. That the Board at its monthly meetings shall, upon the reports of these committees, make such transfers of funds as shall be found most expedient for furthering the best interests of the work, and shall assign the particular

fields in which the agents shall labour."

The report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Education, was

made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was committed Overture No. 19, being a Letter from the Free Church of Scotland, with an

accompanying paper on the subject of Slavery, reported a reply to the letter aforesaid; all of which were read.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the rules were on motion, suspended; when it was

Resolved, That when the house adjourn, it adjourn to meet this evening at eight o'clock.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The unfinished business was resumed; and on motion, the reply to the letter of the Free Church of Scotland was adopted; and it was ordered that said reply be duly signed and transmitted, and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported a Narrative, which was read, and being amended, was adopted, and was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion, it was

1. Resolved, That the present Assembly elect twenty-four members—fifteen ministers and nine laymen—to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions, and that hereafter the same number be elected annually, instead of the number heretofore elected.

2. Resolved, That the rule to elect by ballot be dispensed with on the present occasion, and that the Assembly proceed at once to elect by nomination.

Whereupon the following persons were duly elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Missions.

MINISTERS.

John McDowell, D. D.,
W. L. Breckinridge, D. D.,
James Wood, D. D.,
William A. McDowell, D. D.,
J. M. Krebs, D. D.,
E. P. Humphrey,
Daniel Stewart,
S. Scovel,
David J. Todd,
W. W. Hill,
Joshua L. Wilson, D. D.,
Samuel R. Wilson,
Thos. L. Janeway,
John T. Edgar, D. D.,
Isaac N. Candee.

LAYMEN.

Samuel Cassedy, Charles Woodruff, William Richardson, William Garvin, Samuel Russell, Henry Tunstall, A. W. Mitchell, M. D., James Dunlap, William Dulty.

The Committee on Overture No. 23, being a joint request from the Synod of Wheeling, and the Presbytery of Greenbrier, of the Synod of Virginia, for the alteration of their common boundary line, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Inasmuch as the boundaries asked for by the Synod of Wheeling, and the Presbytery of Greenbrier conflict, therefore

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the parties concerned, for their future action.

The Report of the Special Committee appointed to draft a minute expres-

sive of the sense of the House on the Marriage Question was taken up, and

after being considered, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the Complaint and Memorial of Mr. McQueen, reported by the Judicial Committee, was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY Morning, May 27.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to Messrs. Stewart, Gordon, McClung, Thompson, Henderson, and Poers.

Mr. McInnis, on behalf of himself and others, offered a minute explanatory of their vote on the Marriage Question, which was read and admitted to

record, and is as follows, viz.

The undersigned respectfully submit the following minute, and request that it be put upon the records of this Assembly, to wit: In voting for the resolution to overture the Presbyteries on the subject of altering that section of the Confession of Faith which relates to marriage, we wish it distinctly understood that we did not vote in the affirmative because we were in favour of such alteration.

R. McInnis,
Alexander Donaldson,
Thos. W. Kerr,
James A. Gillespie,
Henry McDonald,
Abraham Hagaman,
William Burton,

R. Davidson,
A. R. Graves,
J. Doll,
James J. Miles,
Geo. P. Lilly,
James N. Lewis,
John C. Eastman.

The order of the day was taken up, being the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report of the Board of Education, which was read, and being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

"The Committee to whom the Annual Report of the Board of Education was referred, offer the following resolutions for adoption by the Assembly.

1. Resolved, That the Assembly appreciate, with great satisfaction, the fidelity with which the arduous, delicate, and peculiarly embarrassing duties of this Board have been discharged.

2. Resolved, 'That we renew our earnest and solemn urgency on the Presbyteries, to be careful and cautious in their choice of beneficiaries; and that they be enjoined to require not only clear evidences of piety and prudence,

but also of talents of a high order.

3. Resolved, That all teachers who have beneficiaries of the Board under their care, whether in Academies, Colleges, or Theological Seminaries, be urged to watch the progress of these students with the utmost vigilance; and to report promptly and faithfully, every instance in which a student falls below a high standard, in any of the varied qualifications now specified, in the form of report to this Board.

4. Resolved, That to suffer a candidate under the care of this Board to slight his solemn pledge, by entering the ministry without "a thorough course of study preparatory," or "a three years course of theological study," be regarded by the Assembly as injurious to the cause of education, ensuring to the conscience of beneficiaries, dangerous to the honour and best interests

of Zion, and to be excused only under circumstances of extraordinary ne-

cessity.

5. Resolved, That in proportion as the Assembly do thus guard and watch the operations of this Board, they commend it to the increasing confidence of the churches, as prospered of God, vital to every other interest and enterprise we cherish, and deserving a far more munificent support, by prayers and contributions, than it has ever yet received.

6. Resolved, That the report be approved, and returned to the officers of

the Board for publication."

The second order of the day was taken up, viz, the complaint and memorial of Archibald McQueen against the Presbytery of Fayetteville; and on motion, the Rev. Mr. Goldsmith was appointed to manage the case for Mr. McQueen in his absence, and agreeably to his request.

The Moderator having reminded the members that they were about to sit in a judicial capacity, the papers in the case were read in due order, and the

original parties were fully heard.

After which the following resolution was on motion, adopted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist be granted, so far as that this General Assembly recommend to the Presbytery of Fayetteville, to re-consider their decision in the case of the Rev. Archibald McQueen; and, if in their judgment it should appear conducive to the peace of the Church and the promotion of religion in the region around them, to restore Mr. McQueen to the communion of the Church and to the exercise of the functions of the gospel ministry, on the ground that in his case, the ends of discipline are attained, by the operation of the sentence under which Mr. McQueen has been lying for a period of three years.

The Yeas and Nays being demanded were recorded as follows, viz:

Yeas.—Ministers, Maltbie, A. T. Chester, Clancy, D. M. Smith, Aitken, Lord, Harkness, Frame, Kirtland, R. Davidson, Perkins, Curran, Tully, Olmstead, Snowden, Hope, Stead, Morris, Williamson, McClain, MacMaster, J. T. Smith, Core, McKean, Mitchell, Robertson, Hulburd, J. E. Alexander, Dodd, Whitham, Gould, Newell, Wood, T. Alexander, Eastman, W. K. Marshall, Stocker, Brown, Osborn, Cassells, Lewis, Doll, Lacy, Coons, Jacobs, Bowman, Pratt, Hamilton, Graves, Hagaman, McInnis, McDonald, Weatherby, Twitchell.

Elders.—George Davidson, Fowler, A. Smith, W. Lowrie, Baldwin, O. Meeker, Sinclair, Shafer, Wynkoop, Dunlap, Davis, McCoy, Oliphant, Bailey, Miller, Carson, Gordon, Curll, Boyd, Conn, Burch, Dunn, Blake, Jernegan, J. Clark, Miles, J. Dickenson, McNairy, Campbell, Douglas, Pick-

ens, Kilpatrick.—86.

Nays:—Ministers; Reeve, Imbrie, Junkin, Corss, Belville, Harrison, Moody, Donaldson, Pitkin, Noyes, Rice, Gilliland, T. B. Clark, Vaneman, Monfort, Ewing, Spilman, Wilson, Goodrich, McConnell, Cowan, Proctor, N. H. Hall, Bayless, Hendren, Bell, Price, Sampson, W. A. Hall, Cunningham, Mathes, Edgar, Turner, Greggs, Thornwell, J. Y. Alexander, Morrow, Warnock.

Elders.—Patterson, W. T. Smith, Leavitt, Gaston, Brice, Thorpe, Telford, Seller, Brown, Ramsey, Morton, Bullock, Preston, Mitchell, J. Alexander, Watkins, A. D. Dickinson, Head, Gillespie, Armstrong, S. Lowry, Gunby, Lilly, McDougal.—62.

Non Liquet.—Minister, Weed.—1.

The Committee on Overture No. 24, on uniting the Seminaries of Allegheny Town and New Albany, presented a report, which, on motion was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Finance was taken up and being amended,

was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

"The papers referred to the Committee on Finance by the General Assembly at its present session are the following: the report of the Treasurer of the Trustees showing the amount of receipts and expenditures for the year ending May 1, 1845; a tabular statement of investments, with a balance sheet from the Ledger of the Treasurer of the General Assembly; a paper showing the several items making the cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer, and a resolution of the Board of Trustees in relation to the books of the Treasurer.

Upon these documents the Committee respectfully report that the Treasurer's account has been regularly audited and shows a balance in his hands of \$484.75 up to the first day of May 1845, which account is herewith re-

turned and marked (Λ) .

The paper marked (B) is a tabular statement of the investments made by the Trustees showing the par value of these stocks, the last year's estimate of the value of each investment, and their respective values on the 8th of May, inst. The par value of these stocks is \$124,695; their estimated value at the present time about \$78,000. There appears from the papers submitted to this Committee to have been a transfer of about \$4000 of bonds to the United States stock, though there is no account of the transaction except in the tabular statement which is made. The Committee here would ask the serious attention of the Assembly to a few facts in regard to these invest-

ments of their property.

In 1841, the Committee to which the Treasurer's accounts were referred in their report called upon the Assembly to consider, "how far or how long sound discretion will authorize us to invest our funds, contributed for permanent purposes, in securities which are fluctuating and uncertain," and they proposed the adoption of the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the funds in the hands of the Treasurer are at present invested in securities for the most part of very questionable character, and the Trustees are hereby directed to invest their funds in bond and mortgage on real estate as soon as that can be done with advantage and safety." As this was not a positive order the stocks were not sold, and in 1842 the Trustees reported an estimated loss in the aggregate of \$90,000 by their depreciation in value. In view of this vast reduction the Assembly the next year suffered the matter to rest. In 1843 the reputed gain by the rise of stocks was about \$17,000. In 1844 the estimated gain was \$15,000, making the whole value of the stocks in the hands of the Trustees about \$78,000, and leaving still an aggregate loss upon the whole of about \$78,000. By the report just received it appears that the advance upon these stocks is only about \$400; in the report of 1843, the estimated gain was \$17,000, in 1844, 15,000, in 1845 less than \$400.

The paper marked (C) is a balance sheet from the Ledger of the Treasurer of the General Assembly, and the paper marked (D) shows the several items making the cash balance in his hands; and the Committee recommend that these papers (A. B. C. and D.) be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

In connexion with these papers, the Committee have also received a resolution of the Board of Trustees, stating that, in consequence of the inconvenience and risk, it is not expedient to send the Treasurer's books to the Assembly this year. The Committee regret this, as they have no means from the papers before them of ascertaining the revenue of the Assembly from its funded property.

The Committee recommend the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Assembly, that the Board of Trus-

tees should take immediate measures for the sale of all the Bank, Insurance Company and Turnpike stocks in their hands, and the investment of the proceeds in bond and mortgage on real estate, or in United States Government stocks; leaving it still discretionary with the Trustees to act in this matter.

2. Resolved, That it be required of the Treasurer, each year, to make a

2. Resolved, That it be required of the Treasurer, each year, to make a full report of the income received during the last fiscal year from each of the

stocks owned by the Assembly.

A. T. Chester, C. K. Imbrie, R. McInnis, Micah Baldwin, J. Bullock.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported a letter to the General Assembly of the Church of Ireland, which, as also the letter from the said Assembly to which it is an answer, was read. On motion, the Answer was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the same Committee, the letter from the General Association of New Hampshire was read, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That our delegate to that body be required to reciprocate its sentiments of Christian affection, and to deliver to them a copy of our Minutes for this year, calling their attention particularly to the action of the Assembly at this time on the subject of Slavery.

A letter from the delegate of the German Reformed Church was also

read, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That our delegate to that body be required to deliver to them a copy of our Minutes for this year, and to reciprocate the sentiments of

Christian and fraternal regard which the letter contains.

On motion, Overture No. 4, was taken up, being a request from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, to rescind the resolution requiring the examination of all ministers coming from one Presbytery to another. On motion, the Overture was laid on the table.

The Committee appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the views of the Assembly, presented a report, which was read and adopted, and is as

follows, viz.

"The Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the views of this Assembly, in returning a negative to Overture No. 6, beg leave to

report.

The question presented to this Assembly by Overture from the Presbytery of Ohio, "Is Baptism in the Church of Rome valid?" is one of a very grave character, and of deep practical importance. The answer to it must involve principles vital to the peace, the purity, and the stability of the church of God.

After a full discussion carried through several days, this Assembly has decided, by a nearly unanimous vote, that baptism so administered, is not

valid.

Because, since baptism is an ordinance established by Christ in his Church, (Form. Gov. chap. vii. Matt. xxviii. 19, 20,) and is to be administered only by a minister of Christ, duly called and ordained to be a steward of the mysteries of God, (Directory, chap. vii. sec. 1.) it follows that no rite administered

by one who is not himself a duly ordained minister of the true Church of God visible, can be regarded as an ordinance of Christ, whatever be the name by which it is called, whatever the form employed in its administration. The so-called priests of the Romish communion are not ministers of Christ, for they are commissioned as agents of the papal hierarchy, which is not a church of Christ, but the Man of Sin, apostate from the truth, the enemy of righteousness and of God. She has long lain under the curse of God, who has called his people to come out from her, that they be not partakers of her

It is the unanimous opinion of all the Reformed churches, that the whole papal body, though once a branch of the visible church, has long since bccome utterly corrupt, and hopelessly apostate. It was a conviction of this which led to the Reformation, and the complete separation of the reformed body from the papal communion. Luther and his coadjutors, being duly ordained presbyters at the time when they left the Romish communion, which then, though fearfully corrupt, was the only visible church in the countries of their abode, were fully authorized by the word of God, to ordain successors in the ministry, and so to extend and perpetuate the Reformed churches as true churches of Christ: while the contumacious adherence of Rome to her corruptions, as shown in the decisions of the Council of Trent, (which she adopts as authoritative,) cuts her off from the visible Church of Christ, as heretical and unsound. This was the opinion of the Reformers, and it is the doctrine of the Reformed churches to this day. In entire accordance to this is the decision of the General Assembly of our Church, passed in 1835, (See Minutes of General Assembly, vol. 8. p. 33.) declaring the Church of Rome to be an apostate body.

The decision by the Assembly of 1835, renders the return of a negative to the inquiry proposed by the Presbytery of Ohio, indispensable on the ground of consistency; unless we be prepared to admit, in direct contradiction to the standards of the Presbyterian Church, that baptism is not an ordinance established by Christ in his Church exclusively, and that it may be administered by an agent of the Man of Sin, an emissary of the prince of darkness; that it may be administered in sport or in blasphemy, and yet be valid as though administered by a duly commissioned steward of the mys-

teries of God.

Nor can it be urged that the papal hierarchy is improving in her character, and gradually approximating to the scriptural standard. She claims to be infallible: her dogmas she promulgates as the doctrines of heaven; and she pronounces her heaviest anathema against any and every man who questions her authority, and refuses to bow to her decisions. She cannot recede from the ground she has assumed. She has adopted as her own, the decisions of the Council of Trent, which degrade the word of God; which claim equal authority for the Apocrypha as for the New Testament; and which declare the sense held and taught by holy mother church, on the authority of tradition and of the Fathers, to be the true and only sense of Scripture. All who deny this position, or who question her authority, she denounces with the bitterest curses.

She thus perverts the truth of God; she rejects the doctrine of justification by faith; she substitutes human merit for the righteousness of Christ; and self-inflicted punishment for gospel repentance: she proclaims her so-called baptism, to be regeneration, and the reception of the consecrated wafer in the eucharist, to be the receiving of Christ himself, the source and fountain of grace, and with him all the grace he can impart. Is this the truth? Is reliance on this system, true religion? Can, then, the papal body be a Church?

The Church, (i. e. the church visible,) as defined in our standards, is the whole body of those persons, together with their children, who make profession of the holy religion of Christ, and of submission to his laws. (Form Gov. chap. ii. sec. 2.) As certainly then, as the dogmas and practices of papal Rome are not the holy religion of Christ, must it be conceded, that the papal body is not a Church of Christ at all; and if not, then her agents, be they styled priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals or pope, are not ministers of Christ in any sense; for they have no connexion with his true visible Church; and not being true ministers of Christ, they have no power to administer Christian ordinances, and the rite they call baptism, is not, in any sense, to be regarded as valid Christian Baptism.

Further, by the perverted meaning they affix, and the superstitious rites they have superadded to the ceremonies they perform under the name of baptism and the eucharist, the symbolical nature and true design of both the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper are lost sight of and utterly destroyed,—so that, could we by any possibility assign to her the name of a church, she would still be a church without the two grand ordinances of the gospel: she neither administers Christian baptism, nor celebrates the supper

of our Lord.

Moreover, since, by the 11th canon of the Council of Trent, she declares the efficacy of her ordinances to depend upon the *intention* of the administrator, no man can know with certainty that her form of administration in any ordinance is not a mere mockery: no consistent papist can be certain that he has been duly baptized, or that he has received the veritable eucharist: he cannot *know*, that the priest who officiates at his altar is a true priest, nor that there is actually any one true priest, or any one prelate rightly consecrated in the whole papal communion. The papal hierarchy has by her own solemn act shrouded all her doings in uncertainty, and enveloped all her rites in hopeless obscurity. Even on this ground alone, the validity of her

baptism might safely be denied.

Nor is the fact that instances now and then occur of apparent piety in the members of her communion, and of intelligence, zeal, and conscientiousness in some of her priests, any ground of objection against the position here taken by this Assembly. The virtues of individuals do not purify the body of which they are members. We are to judge of the character of a body claiming to be a church of Christ,—not by the opinions or practices of its individual members, but by its standards and its allowed practices. Bound as he is by the authority of his church,—and that on pain of her heaviest malediction,—to understand the Scriptures only in the sense in which his church understands and explains them, a consistent papist cannot receive or hold the true religion, or the doctrines of grace. If he does, he must either renounce the papacy, or hypocritically conceal his true sentiments, or he must prepare to brave the thunders of her wrath. True religion and an intelligent adherence to papal Rome are utterly incompatible and impossible. The Church and the papacy are the repelling poles of the moral system.

Difficulties may possibly arise in individual cases. It may not be easy at all times to say whether an applicant for admission into the Church of Christ has, or has not been baptized: whether he has been christened by a popish pastor or not. In all such doubtful cases the session of a church must act according to the light before them. But it is safer and more conducive to peace and edification, to embrace a well established principle for our guidance, and act upon it firmly in the fear of God, leaving all consequences with him, than to suffer ourselves, without any fixed principles, to be at the mercy of circumstances.

While some other churches may hesitate to carry out fully the principles of the Reformation, in wholly repudiating popish baptism, as well as the popish

mass, we, as Presbyterians, feel bound to act on the principle laid down by our Assembly so long ago as 1790, (see Digest, pp. 94, 95,) that, so long as a body is by us recognized as a true church, are her ordinances to be deemed

valid, and no longer.

In 1835 the Assembly declared the papacy to be apostate from Christ, and no true church. As we do not recognize her as a portion of the visible Church of Christ, we cannot, consistently, view her priesthood as other than usurpers of the sacred functions of the ministry, her ordinances as unscriptural, and her baptism as totally invalid."

Dr. Lord, on behalf of himself and others, asked leave to introduce a dissent with reasons, from the foregoing report, which was admitted to record,

and is as follows, viz.

The undersigned would respectfully dissent from the decision of the Gene-

ral Assembly in reply to Overture No. 6, for the following reasons:

1. Because while we are not prepared to affirm that baptism in the Church of Rome is always valid, yet we think the general decision that there is and can be no Christian baptism in the Papal communion, involves a denial that any part of the Church Catholic remains in the apostacy, and is based upon

wrong views of the nature of the ordinance itself.

2. Because in deciding this question we understand the General Assembly to assume that if the church of Rome is no church of Christ, then baptism in her communion is necessarily void; an inference which none of the Reformed churches has ever made from the same premises; an inference which denies the validity of the baptism of the Reformers, who testified against Rome as Anti-Christ; an inference which is likely to bring us into collision with sister churches with whom we are in correspondence; and because we cannot see that such an inference necessarily follows from the premises, and in our opinion the argument has been prejudiced by presenting the question as one in relation to the corruptions of Rome, in which we are all agreed.

3. Because we think the question of the re-baptism of converts from Romanism should be decided by the church Sessions called upon to receive them, in view of the circumstances of each case as it may arise; and that a positive and definitive rule is one that cannot be wisely established, is not called for by any actual exigency, is not now demanded judicially in the usual course of decisions, upon appeal and complaint, or upon revision, when each case is fully considered upon its merits; but as a mere abstract question which, in our view, it would be wise to leave where the Reformed Churches

have hitherto left it.

John C. Lord, John Hendren, Henry McDonald, John Warnock, Thomas Aitken, James McNair, Samuel E. Hibben, William Burton.

Overture No. 17, was taken up, being certain petitions and a memorial on the subject of a quorum of Presbytery; and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

Overture No. 18, on the power of Synods to order meetings of Presbyteries, was laid on the table.

Overture No. 20, on the appointment of a day of fasting, was read, and was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

"In view of the evident decline of vital piety in many of our churches, and

with a hope of obtaining help from the Lord, therefore

Resolved, That all our ministers be requested to preach on the same day upon this subject, and inquire into the causes which prevent the outpouring of the Spirit upon us; and that the Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in June next be that day, and that it be observed as a day of fasting and prayer."

Overture No. 21. Being a report from the Committee of Bills and Overtures on a memorial from George R. Riddle, Esq., in relation to the Theolo-

gical Seminary at Allegheny Town. On motion it was,

Resolved, That the subject matter of the memorial of George H. Riddle, Esq. be referred to the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, who are hereby authorized and empowered to settle and compromise with all persons who may have a subsisting legal and just claim to a right of common of pasture in the land on which the said Seminary is erected, and to pay such person or persons such sums of money as may be agreed, awarded, or adjudged, as compensation for the release of such rights.

Overture No. 9. An overture from the Presbytery of Newton on the de-

mission of the ministerial office, was, on motion, laid on the table.

Overture No. 16. A letter from the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists in the United States, proposing a correspondence with this Assembly, and accompanied with their Constitution and Confession of Faith, was read; whereupon

it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this Assembly assent to the proposal, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform the body of the vote of this Assembly, and request them to commence a correspondence with us either by letter or the appointment of delegates to this body, as they may prefer.

On motion it was

Resolved, That, though the two Assemblies preceding this have solemnly affirmed the perpetuity and sanctity of the Lord's day, yet this Assembly is pained with the report by the narratives from some of the Presbyteries that this holy day is yet desecrated in a lamentable manner; therefore we do hereby enjoin it upon all our church judicatories and officers in their several capacities to take measures to urge on the Sabbath reform until this sacred institution is observed according to the fourth command of the Decalogue.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Assembly direct the Trustees under the Charter of the Western Theological Seminary, now accepted, to meet in the Seminary on the third Thursday of June next, at two o'clock, P. M. to be organized in pursuance of the provisions of said charter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be presented to the citizens of Cincinnati for their hospitality to the members during these sessions.

Resolved, That the calling of the Roll be dispensed with.

Resolved, That special thanks be offered to Almighty God for the harmony and brotherly love which have characterized the entire sessions of this General Assembly.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Assembly having finished their business, it was

Resolved, That this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the Tenth Presbyterian Church in the City of Philadelphia, on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1846, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Accordingly, the Moderator dissolved the Assembly with singing, prayer,

and the Apostolic benediction.

ROBERT DAVIDSON, Permanent Clerk.

CINCINNATI, May 27, 1845.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION

IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ADDRESSED TO THE CHURCHES UNDER THEIR CARE.

BELOVED BRETHREN—In communicating to you a brief history of the labours and trials, the successes and discouragements of the Church during the past year, the General Assembly desire to express their devout gratitude to God for the continued kindness which he has been pleased to manifest to them and to you. While some of our ministers and members have been called to enter upon their eternal rest, and others who survive have been chastened by various temporal calamities, our losses by death have been only as the gathering in of the ripened harvest by the Lord of the vineyard, and our other adversities as the pruning of the vines by the watchful husbandman, in order that they may bring forth more fruit.

The reports sent up to this Assembly from the Presbyteries under our care, speak, almost without exception, of the existence of peace and harmony among Christian brethren, of their attachment to the doctrines and order of the Presbyterian Church, of their regular attendance upon the ministrations of the gospel, and, in general, of their correct Christian deportment.

These reports also tell us of the commendable efforts made by our churches to support pastors, erect houses of worship, sustain Sahbath-schools and Bible-classes, and to instruct our youth and children in the doctrines and duties of our holy reli-

gion.

They tell us of missionary labours performed by pastors and missionaries, of the selection of new stations for preaching, and of the organization of new churches.

They speak of the family altar upon which most of our members offer their morning and evening sacrifice, of the social prayer-meeting where our brethren are accustomed to meet, and make intercession to God for their perishing fellowmen, and of the general observance of the monthly concert, to pray for the conversion of the world.

They report to us the collection of funds to endow Theological Seminaries, to educate young men for the gospel ministry, to sustain missionaries, both domestic and foreign, and to circulate the Holy Scriptures, and other evangelical books in

our own and other countries.

They speak of the exertions made to promote the cause of temperance, and the proper observance of the Lord's day; and, above all, they communicate to us the pleasing fact, that in numerous instances our churches have been blessed with

precious revivals of religion.

Upon all these topics we should delight to dwell, but the limits usually assigned to our annual narrative forbid such a course. We must, therefore, select a few of the more prominent and important particulars, and leave the others with the general remark that, for the most part, they have suffered no decline since the meeting of the last General Assembly, but, on the contrary, are gradually increasing and extending their influence to sanctify and enlarge the church.

Thirty-five churches are particularly reported as having enjoyed seasons of copious refreshing from the presence of the Lord; some of the Presbyteries report several churches without specifying the number, and some speak of a revival of

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God's work in most of their congregations, from all which we believe we may state the number of churches which have enjoyed these gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit, to be not less than sixty; and about as many more are reported to

have been blessed with an unusual degree of divine influence.

One of the churches mentioned by name in these reports, belongs to the Presbytery of Iludson, one to the Presbytery of New York, one to the Presbytery of Long Island, one to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, three to the Presbytery of Raritan, one to the Presbytery of Ohio, one to the Presbytery of Hocking, one to the Presbytery of Salem, one to the Presbytery of Indianapolis, one to the Presbytery of Fort Wayne, two to the Presbytery of Sangainon, three to the Presbytery of St. Louis, one to the Presbytery of Missouri, three to the Presbytery of Transylvania, two to the Presbytery of Mulenburg, three to the Presbytery of West Hanover, three to the Presbytery of Orange, two to the Presbytery of South Carolina, two to the Presbytery of Hopewell, and two to the Presbytery of New Orleans. The Presbyteries of Steuben, Northumberland, Clarion, and Richland, report pleasing indications of the Divine presence in some of their congregations, and precious revivals are spoken of as having occurred in several churches belonging to the Presbyteries of Flint River and Mississippi, while the Presbyteries of Charleston and South Alabama communicate the interesting fact that most of their churches have been blessed with these merciful visitations from the Most High.

In some of these congregations there have been added 20, in others 30, in others 50, and in others 60 and 70 to the communion of the church. The instrumentality employed in producing these glorious results is described to have been the faithful preaching of the gospel, and the fervent prayers of God's people, unaccompanied by those artificial means which have been resorted to by so many in years past, the tendency of which is to produce spurious conversions, and an impulsive, un-

stable religion.

For these tokens of the Divine favour we would render our fervent praise and thanksgiving to the glorious and Divine Head of the Church, who has thereby given his sanction to the truth of our doctrines, and the validity of our ministry; has increased the sum of human happiness by delivering many souls from the bondage of sin, and has added auxiliaries to that sacramental host of his elect people whom he is employing for the conquest of an apostate and perishing world.

But while the Assembly express their gratitude to God for these blessings, they are obliged to add that the reports of very many of our Presbyteries contain complaints of coldness and declension. What are 60 or 100, or even 150 churches which have been more or less revived, compared with the 2000 in our communion, from which the refreshing rain of God's Spirit has been in a great measure withheld? There is surely no less reason for humiliation than for gratitude, and we earnestly enjoin upon all our churches to seek with the utmost diligence a removal of those causes which may be found to have contributed to this state of declension, and to pray for the enjoyment of those precious seasons of spiritual prosperity with

which some of our churches have been favoured during the past year.

The chief cause of this declension is in very many of the reports ascribed to the great political excitement which pervaded the country previous to the late Presidential election—in view of which fact the Assembly feel themselves called upon to say that while it is the right and duty of the members of our churches to participate with their fellow-citizens in the election of our civil rulers, it is manitestly their duty as Christians to exercise their elective franchise in such a manner as not to interrupt their communion with God, or diminish their zeal for the salvation of souls. We would exhort you to avoid the influence of that political excitement which absorbs, for the time being, every other interest, and to use your exertions to effect a change in this respect in public sentiment, that those who are not members of our churches, but who attend upon the preaching of our ministers, may not be placed hereafter in such a position, for many months together, (as they have been sometimes hitherto,) that they have scarcely listened with attention, much less with self-application, to the truths of the gospel.

Above all we most earnestly exhort you to humble yourselves before God, to exercise unfeigned repentance for past backslidings of heart and deficiencies in duty, and to offer up fervent and importunate prayer that the Lord would restore the cap-

tivity of Zion, and cause Jacob to rejoice and Israel to be glad.

The cause of temperance is reported by some of our Presbyteries to be on the

advance. The Presbytery of New Lisbon inform us that there is not a single house within their bounds which is licensed to vend ardent spirits. But many of our Presbyteries speak of this cause as being at a stand, and some as retrograding, -the reason of which is alleged to be in several of the reports, the false ground assumed and the denunciatory language employed by some temperance lecturers; on account of which many intelligent and influential men have ceased to attend their meetings, and the cause has thereby lost its hold in a considerable degree upon the public mind. This Assembly would affectionately urge upon all the members of our churches and upon our fellow eitizens who may peruse our Narrative, the duty of promoting this important object both by their example and influence. We do not ask you to countenance, much less to adopt those false principles, or to give your sanction to that spirit of denunciation which have marred, in some instances, the temperance reformation,—but we do urge upon you, standing on ground that is tenable and exhibiting a spirit that is kind and Christian, to engage with firmness and perseverance in the patriotic and benevolent work of arresting the desolating tide of intemperance, which still continues to ruin its thousands.

The sanctification of the Sabbath is spoken of by some of our Presbyteries as having received an unusual degree of public attention. Sermons and addresses have been delivered, conventions held, and measures adopted to secure the more general observance of this holy day; and much good has resulted from these efforts. Other Presbyteries speak of the desecration of the Lord's day by many within their bounds and deplore it, as being a serious obstacle to the success of their ministry. Upon this subject, with reference to which the word of God is so plain, it would seem to be superfluous for us to expatiate. Christian brethren, let your conduct in this respect be unblamable before your families and before the world;—and let the united exertions of ministers and people be directed to that most desirable object of securing the proper observance of the Lord's day throughout this

whole nation.

The reports of some of our Presbyteries afford pleasing proofs of enlarged liberality in promoting different objects of Christian benevolence. Large sums have been collected in different sections of the church to establish schools and colleges

and to endow Theological Seminaries.

The different Boards of our church have been sustained with as much liberality as in any former year; and in various other forms the resources of many of our churches have been employed to advance the best interests of society. But while we feel gratified with this spirit of Christian liberality, so far as it has been manifested, we regret to add that from a schedule presented to this Assembly, by one of our Boards, it appears that a very large number of our churches have contributed nothing, during the past year, for objects of benevolence beyond their own bounds. To such churches we would say affectionately, that we regard it as the sacred duty of every church, however small, and of every individual member, however poor, with few exceptions, to contribute some amount according as God has prospered him, to extend the boundaries of Christ's kingdom. Especially it is the duty of each member in our communion to sustain the several Boards which have been organized by the General Assembly. These Boards, whose annual reports have just been presented to this body, and for whose success in their respective spheres of labour we desire to feel grateful to God, are the most powerful instruments, next to the preaching of the gospel, which are possessed by the church for blessing mankind with the influence and hopes of evangelical religion. They are, indeed, the most efficient agencies which we possess to enable us to preach the gospel to perishing men—and we think it is not too much for us to expect that all our churches will contribute annually to these Boards. If this should be done according to the ability of each church, our facilities for doing good would be greatly increased, and the borders of our beloved Zion proportionably extended.

The subject of church extension, has excited more than ordinary interest during the past year, both as it relates to the efforts of the Church to enlarge her boundaries, and to the erection of houses of worship. Several new stations for preaching have been selected in the Presbyteries of New York, Philadelphia, and New Orleans; new churches have been organized in different Presbyteries in the West, and in two of them, viz. Salem and Missouri, fourteen houses of worship are in the progress of erection; in the former six, and in the latter eight. The ministerial force of several Presbyteries has also been considerably increased, par-

ticularly those of Baltimore, Louisville and St. Louis. The report of the last named Presbytery states that special attention has been paid to the German population and other foreigners, and with very encouraging results. We commend this subject to the serious consideration of our ministers and churches, who should endeavour by every practicable means to bring these emigrants to the knowledge

of Christ as soon as they arrive upon our shores.

In the work of Church Extension much is to be done, both with regard to the increase of labourers and the providing of them with convenient places to preach. A great want of ministerial aid is particularly mentioned in the reports of the Presbyteries of Clinton, Cherokee and Louisiana; and the Presbytery of Potosi inform us that their number of ministers, which was small before, has been diminished during the past year by the loss of two of their most valuable members by death. Great inconvenience is likewise experienced in several of the Presbyteries of the West for the want of houses of worship, and many of the churches are too feeble to incur the whole expense of their erection. A good opportunity is here afforded to those who are just entering the gospel ministry, or to those who are seeking new fields of labour, to go to the aid of those brethren who, from the smallness of their number, are able only to occupy a spot here and there, while the whole country between is left uncultivated and desolate. An opportunity is also furnished for the older and more highly favoured portions of the Church to contribute of their substance to enable their brethren, who now worship God in school-houses and barns, or under the open canopy of heaven, to erect comfortable churches in which they may offer their devotions without feeling the

peltings of the angry storm.

Many of our southern and south-western Presbyteries report the gratifying fact, that special attention has been paid to the religious instruction of the coloured population. Several pages of the report from the Presbytery of Fayetteville are occupied in giving details of their mode of instruction. To incorporate these in our present narrative would extend it to an unusual length. In the report of the Presbytery of Georgia, where the movement appears to have originated, a succinct account is given both of labours and results. They write to us as follows: "Rev. C. C. Jones reported, in behalf of the mission to the blacks in Liberty county, of whom there are 4000 in a region of 20 miles square. It is designed that the gospel should be brought within walking distance of them all. The congregations are large and often overflowing. One place of worship, which was enlarged a few years ago, is often insufficient to contain the attendants. After a trial of eleven years, it is found that there is no diminution of interest among this class of hearers. They are settled down as regular attendants on public worship. It is ascertained that judicious instruction by white men, will secure this object; and that any religious fluctuations among the coloured people are governed by the same causes as among the whites. There are several Sabbath schools, attended by some five or six hundred scholars. The blacks of Liberty county, after some twelve years of Sabbath school instruction, are a different population from what they used to be. Among the church members there is an advance in Christian character. Their offences are becoming less frequent and less enormous. There is a general elevation of character, attended with an increased fidelity to their

"For three or four years from the commencement of this missionary work, there were but few conversions. There followed about five years of revival, in which several hundreds were admitted to church privileges. For the last year there has been a dearth of spiritual influences. At present, there is one station, where there are fifteen inquirers; at this station a day has been appointed for fasting and prayer.

"The reports of the Association in Liberty county have done good elsewhere, and the work has made advances in all parts of the southern country. Other denominations are entering into it with zeal and energy. And it is beginning to be

owned as the grand duty of southern Christians and ministers."

The General Assembly would affectionately urge upon all their ministers and churches in those Presbyteries, who have not yet engaged in this work, to imitate the laudable example of their brethren, and to persevere in their labour of love, until throughout our whole southern and south-western country, these children of Ham, who have been hitherto for the most part "afar off," "as strangers and for-

eigners," "may be brought nigh by the blood of Christ," and "become fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

The Assembly have received an interesting report from the Presbytery of Lediana in the East Indies; the whole of which we should be glad to spread before you; but for an account of this mission, and of all our other missions among the heathen, we must refer you to the Missionary Chronicle, a periodical published by our Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and which we greatly desire to

see in the hands of every member of our church.

We shall do injustice to our own feelings, if we pass over unnoticed the state of religion in the bounds of those churches with whom we are in correspondence. Either by delegates present at the meeting of this Assembly, or by letters and reports received by us, we are informed that in the Congregational, the Reformed Dutch, and the German Reformed churches, God is giving them continued marks of his favour, in most or all of those ways by which we are accustomed to judge of the progress and prosperity of the Church. The same may be said of those ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence, beyond the wide ocean. God appears to be bringing into closer union the different branches of the evangelical Protestant Church, and to be giving greater power and efficacy to their testimony for the truth.

As might be expected, we have to meet with many discouragements, and to encounter much opposition. But the united voice of the whole evangelical church proclaiming to the world the same truth of God, will, through the power of his grace, become omnipotent. That divine energy, which rendered efficacious the preaching of the apostles and martyrs, which subdued or restrained the hostility of their enemies, and brought whole provinces, states and empires under the benignant sway of the risen Redeemer, is now present with his church, and will, in due time, bring to the obedience of faith the many millions who are now enslaved by sin, and cause the incense of prayer and praise to ascend up to God from every

people, and kindred, and tongue, under the whole heaven.

Brethren in the Lord, let us pray and labour for the consummation of this glorious era.

Signed by order of the General Assembly.

JOHN M. KREBS, Moderator.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 26, 1845.

TO THE REV. HENRY GREY, MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We have read with great pleasure the letter of October 28th, 1844, which you have sent us, according to "the instructions of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland."

No church on earth affords us more gratification and honour in correspondence than yours. The vindication of truth and liberty, with which the Providence of God has signalized the Church of Scotland, through all her history, has shone with brightest lustre in your present day, when oppression under the forms of regulated law, the most formidable of all outward evils to the church, has been rolled off with an energy, which no difficulty could abate, and no sacrifice appal. We rejoice to know that your cause is gathering strength; that your hearts are gladdened with sympathy and help, from so many other parts of Protestant Christendom; and that the principles for which you have long and devotedly contended, are so universally approved by the churches of the Reformation.

Your messengers to us were most welcome. Their enlightened minds, warm affections, and Christian candour, won our hearts, and excited stronger desires

than ever, to form with you a fellowship intimate and lasting.

Your sensibility for the little kindness we have been able to express, turns to riches our poor liberality; and awakens within us animated desires to follow our contributions with unceasing prayer that "God may supply all your wants," "establish, strengthen, settle you," "make the feeble among you as David, and the house of David, as the angel of the Lord."

We have great reason to mourn for the apathy which prevails over a wide ex-

tent of our Zion: for the love of the present evil world, which characterizes our nation, and pervades the Church with a withering influence; for our continued reluctance "to receive the correction" which God recently sent in national embarrassment to rebuke our national sins, and which he is still pursuing, in desolating calamities by flood and conflagration.

Yet we have manifold occasion to praise the Lord for his goodness and tender mercies. He is greatly enlarging our border, increasing the number of ministers and people, crowning with prosperity our missions at home and abroad, and giving eminent success to the dissemination of evangelical literature over this wide coun-

try, by the presses we influence or entirely control.

We are also cheered with the hope that the divisions which once occasioned distress among us, and "great searchings of heart," will soon be forgotten entirely, by the return to us of all that hold, in sincerity and truth, the doctrines and order of our Confession; a reunion which the vast and increasing prevalence of popery, fanaticism, and pernicious delusions of every kind, so rampant in this land, will hasten to consolidate.

And while we thus rejoice in the prospect of union and strength, produced at home by the power of vindicated truth, we fondly hope that our union with you will not be disturbed, either by international warfare, or discordant views and feelings between the churches themselves, arising from widely different circum-

stances of country and domestic institutions.

We are gratified, exceedingly, with the spirit of candour and inquiry which pervades your document on the subject of slavery, and leads us to hope that we shall soon be able to acquaint our noble brethren in Scotland, with the true position of

the Presbyterian Church in this country.

That responsibility for the evils of American slavery is shared by our brethren of Great Britain to some extent—that you are restrained from peremptory decision on the question of our particular duty, by ignorance of facts and circumstances, and that you appreciate so much the difficulties of our position, as to admit that a different course from that of the British churches may be justified among us for the present; are generous sentiments and enlightened Christian moderation, which prove to us that the Free Church of Scotland, is as much ennobled by elevation above the prejudices that surround her, as by a memorable Exocus from the oppression that enthralled her. Could we allay excitement, and restrain impatience, and correct misunderstanding among our brethren of the British churches, we have no doubt, that our course in this most delicate and difficult subject would be so entirely approved, that no intimation of ultimate severance on this account would any more

alloy the happiness which your correspondence affords.

Our modes of thinking in this country have not been moulded by any thing like a civil establishment of religion; by any such connexion of Church and State, as induces a reciprocal legislation between the civil and ecclesiastical commonwealth. The State never interferes with us as a Church, either to cherish our doctrines, or to control our privileges; and she expects in return that we meddle not with her civil and domestic regulations; one of which is slavery. Every man in the Church here has political right and power. As a citizen he has the utmost opportunity for contending against every social, civil, moral wrong, which the institutions of his country may ordain or allow. But, as a member of the Church, he belongs to a kingdom that is not of this world, that has always been prospered in apostolic and reforming times, by separation in counsel from "the powers that be," and which, while it fails not to witness against the sins of the land, would rather, as in your own illustrious example, resign even the guardianship of these powers than permit civil and spiritual enactments, either to clash or mingle together.

We learn our duty, dear brethren, not only from the peculiar circumstances of Providence in our political institutions, but from the great charter of the Church itself. Here we have a religion of great principles, which it behoves us to promulgate, with all possible energy, industry, and faithfulness—principles, which in the end, will overthrow every form of oppression that is incompatible with the inalienable rights of man. Beyond the assertion of these principles, and their vigorous application to all the existing relations of society around us, we think it not only inexpedient, but unwarranted and presumptuous, for any ecclesiastical court to pronounce either dogma or precept. We dare not contract the bond of union among brethren more than Christ has contracted it, nor exclude from the pale of

our communion, members that merely hold a relation which Christ and his Apostles did not declare, among the many specific declarations against prevailing sins, to be incompatible with Christian fellowship. Slavery existed then as well as now, with at least equal atrocity; and in our opposition to its evils we desire to treat it as they did, rather than reduce their broad precepts to that minute kind of legislation, which engenders fanaticism, distracts and enfeebles the church, and defeats the eventual triumph of the very principles it proposes to enforce.

Enclosed, we send you a copy of a preemble and resolutions on this subject, which we have just adopted, with great unanimity and deliberate firmness; from which you will learn our determination to abide by the example of Christ and his Apostles—to address ourselves, in the spirit of the gospel, more than ever to the work of meliorating evils we cannot redress—improving a relation we cannot dissolve, and disseminating among masters and slaves that pure gospel, whose heavenly institution which God approves, and demolish every system that is opposed to the honour of his name and the best interests of the human race.

Signed by order of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the

United States of America.

JOHN M. KREES, Moderator. Wm. M. Engles, Stated Clerk.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, May 27th, 1845.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND,

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—We rejoice to learn, from your letter, dated July 9th, 1844, that our last letter has afforded you so much satisfaction, and that you so kindly solicit a continued correspondence. There is much in our Church and nation which responds, with peculiar delight, to any communication from brethren in Ireland. The patriotic courage, that has triumphed repeatedly in maintaining our honour and freedom, is greatly indebted to Irish ardor: and the rapid prosperity of our Church, in the days of our fathers, was owing, no little, to the warm and resolute spirit which came from your country, to the privations and pains of a wilderness. And in a mighty conflict yet before us, in which our civil freedom, as well as truth and righteousness, will be the stake for which we must contend, we shall be glad to realize much of the spirited energy that characterizes Protest

tant Ireland. We mean the conflict with Popery.

The Man of Sin is determined to supersede us, in the vast and beautiful inheritance of this our Western Valley. He is sending from Europe myriads of men, darkened and enslaved to him; millions of money, managed by his wily priests to the best account, which the wisdom of this world can dictate, in order to possess the land, and control the destinies of this great Republic. Gorgeous temples are built; political power is courted; innumerable bands of virginity are formed; abounding and insidious efforts to seduce the children of Protestants into their schools are detected; and even the effrontery of demanding from the state, an expulsion of the Bible from common schools, and a part of the public revenue to support their own education, has come on us to alarm and arouse our apathy. At this meeting of the Assembly, held in Cincinnati, one of the strong centres of popery in the United States, we have determined, with almost perfect unanimity, that "Baptism in the Church of Rome is not valid;" thus cutting loose the last embarrassment, which entangled our arms in the conflict with Antichrist; and taking, what we think a most important position, in the advancing stage of this great controversy. Doubtless, your sympathies with our opposition to Romanism is greatly enlivened, by the recent munificence of your Government to the College of Maynooth. It is but another development of essential ambition in this "Mystery," to blend herself with the arm of secular power, "to reign over kings," "to corrupt the earth with her fornication," and "deceive all nations with her sorceries."

We hear of your Missionary efforts at home and abroad, with peculiar gratification. We hail them as brightly auspicious; and testify to you, that we have found in this expansion of Christian character—the spirit of missions—preeminently, "a bond of perfectness," tending more to purify, unite, and energize our Zion, than all other expedients, which the best wisdom and zeal among us could ever devise.

Our Missions during the last year, both foreign and domestic, have been greatly prospered of God; and while we lament our unutterable short-coming in this fundamental duty of the Christian Church, we fervently hope that our progress is onward; that we shall be honoured more and more, through each succeeding year, to build up the waste places at home, and publish salvation abroad, until peace within our Church shall be "like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles as a flowing stream." We have felt indignant, Dear Brethren, at the strict interpretation of British law, which disparages the functions of a Presbyterian ministry, in solemnizing marriage, when one of the parties belongs "to the Episcopal Establishment;" and we hope your firm and Christian resistance of this indignity, will be crowned with complete success.

We have reason to praise the Lord, for exemption from all similar injustice on the part of government and law in this country: and although we have many sins to mourn for, as a nation, and cannot boast of immunity from error that mingles with the best institutions of men, we are called, in view of the many embarrassments which still betide religious liberty in Europe, to appreciate most highly the

civil constitution by which our privileges are regulated and secured.

You refer us to what you call "an evil which has long disfigured our civil polity;" and submit to our consideration your resolution on the subject of slavery. We receive your communication on this subject, with all the frankness and kindness, which have dictated your whole letter. There is no disposition on our part, either to repel the counsel of brethren abroad, or evade responsibility and discussion, on this momentous question, at home.

We enclose to you a preamble and resolutions, which we have just adopted, with a nearly unanimous vote; in which you will see, that we are not contented to slumber amidst the evils connected with slavery, nor to shun investigation of our

duty to the bottom.

You are strangers, we presume, in a great measure, to the principal cause of the aggravations which attend domestic slavery in this country, such as the severity of particular laws enacted in the slave-holding states, and the extreme sensibility with which many of our fellow citizens there refuse to receive advice, and entertain discussion. That cause is, mainly, the vehemence and fanatical intolerance, with which many, in what are called the free states, urge on the South, instant abolition, without regard to circumstances, consequences, or even warrant from the word of God itself. We hope that a better mind, and one in accordance with the paper we send you, will soon pervade every part of our otherwise harmonious country; and suffer that "knowledge of Christianity" you mention, to penetrate all relations existing among us, and exert its native, free, transforming power, over every institution, which either necessity may suffer, or wisdom perpetuate among men. In conclusion, we do again, most earnestly express our desire for peace, between your nation and ours. More and more deeply, must we deplore threatening symptoms of national strife, as we receive assurance of glowing affection from you; and we trust and pray, that the God of nations, through Jesus Christ our blessed mediator, may quell the angry passions of the people, direct the confused diplomacy of rulers, and combine all nations, and especially of Protestant Christendom in one mighty alliance, for advancing the interests of that kingdom which shall never be moved; the greatness of which, under the whole heaven, will be given to the saints of the Most High.

"May the Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who hath loved us, and given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace, comfort your

hearts, and establish you in every good word and work."

JOHN M. KREBS, Moderator. Wm. M. Engles, Stated Clerk.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of 1845.

Dear Sir,—The undersigned having been appointed by the General Assembly of 1844, a delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire, begs leave to report, that he attended to the duties of his appointment. The Association met at Concord, on the 4th Tuesday of August last, which day, by a standing rule of the body, is fixed as the time of its stated annual meeting. The undersigned was received with great cordiality, and was rejoiced to witness the attachment to sound theology and Calvinistic sentiments as exhibited in the sermons and debates to which he listened while attending upon its sessions. It appeared by the reports from the different Associations of the State, that no special outpouring of the Spirit of God had been enjoyed in any of their congregations during the previous year. Pastors and churches generally, were reported to be living in peace, and to be striving together for the faith of the gospel. The General Association of New Hampshire, in the spirit of reciprocal confidence and Christian courtesy, resolved to send a delegate to the next General Assembly.

HENRY PERKINS.

Allentown, New Jersey, May 1, 1845.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The undersigned appointed by the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to attend as their commissioner, the General Conference of the State of Maine, respectfully reports that he attended the meeting of the General Conference at Bath, Maine. He was received with much Christian courtesy and kindness, and was invited to present before General Conference a view of the state and prospects of the Church he represented.

The Conference expressed their gratification in the prosperity and harmony of

our Church, and evinced a feeling of affectionate interest in our welfare.

Nothing of more than ordinary interest occurred during the meeting; and your commissioner parted from the brethren after the conference had adjourned, with the happy assurance that the interchange of Christian kindness and courtesy, and the reciprocation of good wishes and prayers for and with each other, is one means of binding together in love, and provoking to good works, the different sections and denominations of the one Church of the Redeemer. A commissioner was appointed by the General Conference to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly. All which is respectfully submitted.

R. McCartee.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE EVANGELICAL CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND,

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

Dear Sir,—The undersigned, appointed by the General Assembly, a delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Congregational Churches in Rhode Island, begs leave to report, that he attended the annual meeting of the said Consociation, at Providence, in June last; that he was received with Christian kindness and cordiality, and found the churches of that body in a healthy and growing state; and though few in number, yet exercising a salutary influence in promoting the cause of the Redeemer. Delegates were appointed at that time to meet the General Assembly in 1815. All which is respectfully submitted.

A. HENRY DUMONT.

Morristown, N. J., May 3, 1845.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATIONS OF CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

Dear Sir,—I was appointed one of the delegates to the Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts. Circumstances were such that I could only attend the meetings of the former body. I beg you to say, in my behalf, that I was received with great cordiality; and a warm desire was expressed that these interchanges of friendly feeling might continue. Delegates were appointed to the Assembly at Cincinnati, but I regret to learn that they are providentially prevented from attending. I hope this will not hinder our sending a representation again to those bodies. May the Lord be with you, and make the present meeting very useful to the churches.

Yours, &c.

D. Magie.

Elizabethtown, May 12, 1845.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

Dear Sir,—The undersigned deems it his duty to report to the General Assembly that he did not attend the General Convention of Vermont last year, agreeably to the Assembly's appointment. The reasons were, that the Convention had changed the time of their meeting from September to June preceding, of which change the undersigned had no knowledge until he saw from the papers that the meeting was past.

He ventures to hope that this lack of service, being unavoidable in the circumstances, will not be deemed censurable by the General Assembly, nor prevent the

appointment of a delegate for the next year.

It is hardly necessary to add, perhaps, that he could not, with propriety, be reappointed.

With much respect,

Reuben Smith.

Waterford, N. Y., May 13th, 1845.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GERMAN REFORMED SYNOD.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,-The last General Assembly having honoured me with a commission to attend, as their delegate, the Synod of the German Reformed Church, I beg leave to report that the service assigned me was duly performed. The Synod met at Allentown, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of October last. Your delegate was received with the utmost cordiality. A variety of important business was transacted. It is gratifying to be able to state, that there appears to be a decided and growing revival of evangelical piety in this ancient and venerable Church. Its College and Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, are in a thriving condition; and increasing attention is given to Missions, Sabbath Schools, and other benevolent institutions. An arrangement has been made within the last two years, by which some of the great destitutions of the Church will be supplied by Ministers from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. By the terms of this arrangement, a Triennial Convention of delegates from these denominations, is to be held, with a view of conferring upon their common welfare, and "suggesting such measures as shall, with the Divine blessing, best promote the interests of religion, both at home and abroad." The first convention under this article, was beld in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of August last. Your delegate was authorized by the General Assembly, (see Minutes of last year, p. 377) to take a seat in that convention, provided he should be "so invited." The resolution here referred to was, it is believed, adopted by the Assembly without any distinct information as to the design of the convention. The undersigned has reason to believe that it was not from any want of courtesy or kind feeling towards the Assembly, that your delegate was not invited to attend the convention, but because the convention, being itself a delegated body with specific powers, had no authority to enlarge its numbers; and also, because the business confided to them was of a nature neither to require nor to admit of the counsel or co-operation of a third party.

The compact between these churches is important, not only as respects the benefits they may derive from it, but also as an indication of that desire for a closer union which is beginning to prevail among evangelical Christians of various denominations, both in this country and Great Britain.

I have only to add, that the next meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, will be held in York, Pennsylvania, on the third Thursday of October

next.

I remain, Rev. and Dear Sir, very respectfully, yours, &c.
HENRY A. BOARDMAN.

Philadelphia, May 14th, 1845.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PRINCETON, N. J.

The Directors report to the General Assembly, that, at the date of the last report, the number of students in the Seminary was one hundred and five.

During the year now closed, the following sixty-two students have been received,

James J. Giles, on certificate from Union Theological Seminary, New York city. Aaron R. Lindsley, do. do. do. do. Ludlow D. Potter, do. do. do. do. do. Addison V. C. Schenck, do. do. do. do. do. Moses A. Hoge, Licentiate of Presbytery of Columbus. John M. Boggs, do. do. Donegal. Robert G. Williams, graduate of Amherst College, Mass. Edward Eells, do. Yale do. John M. R. Hunter, do. do. do. do. Union do. William Bannard, do. N. Y. John K. Davis, do. do. do. do. John C. De Peu, do. do. do. do. George J. Harrison, do. do. do. do. do. do. do. J. Jermain Porter, Peter M. Prime, Columbia do. do. do. Thompson Rowell, New York City University, N. Y. do. Rutger's College, N. J. George W. Perkin, do. Samuel D. Alexander, do. New Jersey College, N. J. Caleb C. Baldwin, do. do. do. do. William Cameron. do. do. do. do. Thomas W. Cattell, do. do. do. do. Elijah R. Craven, do. do. do. do. John S. Davison, do. do. do. do. William A. Dod, do. do. do. do. John T. Duffield, do. do. do. do. David W. Eakins, do. do. do. do. William J. Gibson, do. do. do. do. Joseph J. Halsey, do. do. do. do. Henry P. Johnson, do. do. do. do. do. do. Frederick Knighton, do. do. do. do. Nathan M. Owen, do. do. John Pinkerton, do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. Henry K. Rees, Archibald A. Rice, do. do. do. do. Richard H. Richardson, do. do. do. do. Joseph Rogen, do. do. do. do. do. do. Martin Ryerson, do. do. Elias W. Shields, do. do. do. do. Richard K. Todd, do. do. do. do. Alfred S. Williams, do. do. do. do. Daniel N. Freeland, do. Pennsylvania University, Pa. Caspar R. Gregory, do. do. do. do.

George F. Miller, gra	iduate of	f Pennsylvan	ia Univ	ersity, Pa	ι.
James G. Shinn,	do.	do.		do. de	0.
Cornelius R. Lane,	do.	La Fayett	te Colle	ege, Pa.	
Andrew D. Mitchell,	do.	Jefferson			
Thomas H. Dinsmore,	do.	Washingt	on do	. do.	
Philander M. Custer,		Washingt			
Lewis McNeely,	do.			do.	
Pleasant Hunter Dalton	n, do.	North Car	olina U	Iniversity.	N. C.
Elias Hearon,	do.	East Tenr			
John Taylor,	do.	Oakland (College	Miss.	
John A. Bogle,	do.	Centre			v.
Charles W. Forman,					
James B. Harbison,					
William H. Woods,					
Ebenezer B. Andrews,					
Winthrop Bailey, of L					
James Kirk, of Pennsy					
Benjamin F. Bittenger.		District of Co	olumbia		
Benjamin M. Wailes,			do.		

Henry J. David, of Prussia, and a converted Jew. The whole number of students connected with the Seminary, during the year, has been one hundred and forty. The number now upon the roll is one hundred

and twenty-eight.

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At the close of the year the students were examined in presence of a committee of the Board. The examination commenced May 7th, and was closed on the 12th. The committee reported, that "the examination afforded entire satisfaction

as to the fidelity of the professors, and the diligence of the students."

as to the identity of the professors, and the diligence of the students."

Certificates of having finished the whole course prescribed in the Plan were conferred by the Board on the following twenty-seven young men, viz. Ninian Bannatyne, Charles Beach, Hugh S. Carpenter, Nelson P. Chamberlin, Thomas H. Cleland, Timothy Conklin, Darwin Cook, Walter S. Drysdale, Thomas Fraser, Jun., John B. French, William P. Gready, Robert Hamill, Peter B. Heroy, Samuel K. Hughes, William H. Johnston, William Love, David C. Lyon, Peter A. M'Martin, Samuel Miller, Jun., David Mills, George W. Newell, John H. Rice, James Stebbins, Alexander R. Thompson, David Trumbull, Joseph W. Wallace, and Ansley D. White.

The Professors reported to the Board, that they have received through the year, for the use of indigent students, viz: One box of clothing from the Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church in the city of New York; one small package of do., from some Ladies of the First Church, Baltimore; a large bundle of clothing from the Female Charitable of Morris Plain, New Jersey; a large box of clothing &c., from the Dorcas Society of the Duane Street Church, New York, together with a small sum of money to assist in making up the cloth sent; and a bundle of gar-

ments from some Ladies of Dr. Potts' Church, New York.

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly that Miss Mary Holland, deceased, late a member of the Tenth Church, Philadelphia, has by her will founded a Scholarship in the Seminary; and also that Miss Mary Deare, late of New Brunswick, N. J., and now of Lawrenceville, N. J., has resolved to pay annually \$150, for the support of a student in the Seminary, during her life.

The Board have only further to report, that the term of office of the following

Directors expires during the sessions of the present Assembly, viz.

John McDowell, D. D., Benjamin H. Rice, D. D, William M. Engles, D. D., Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., George Potts, D. D., John Johnston, John N. Campbell, D. D.

Lewis W. R. Phillips, Matthew L. Bevan, Andrew Foster.

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, President.

JOHN McDowell, Secretary. Princeton, May 12th, 1845.

THE PROFESSORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. Professor of Pastoral and Polemic Theology. Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Rev. Charles Hodge, D. D. Professor of Exegetical and Didactic Theology. Rev. Joseph Addison Alexander, Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

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THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE

ASHBEL GREEN, D. D., President. MATTHEW L. BEVAN, Esq., 2d V. Pres't. GARDINER SPRING, D. D., 1st. Vice Pres't. | John McDowell, D. D., Secretary.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE

1. The Le Roy Scholarship, both founded by Mrs. Martha Le Roy, of N. Y. 2. The Banyer Scholarship,

3. The Lenox Scholarship, founded by Robert Lenox, Esq. of New York.

4. The Whitehead Scholarship, founded by John Whitehead, Esq. of Burke Co. Georgia.

5. The Charleston Female Scholarship, founded by the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Association of Charleston, S. C., for assisting in the education of pious youth for the Gospel Ministry.

, founded by the first class in the Seminary, in 1819.

7. The Nephew Scholarship, founded by James Nephew, Esq. of McIntosh Co. Georgia.

8. The Woodhull Scholarship, founded by Mrs. Hannah Woodhull, of Brookhaven, Long Island.

9. The Scott Scholarship, founded by Mr. William Scott, of Elizabethtown,

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cewicz, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

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Hook, New York.

14. The Wickes Scholarship, founded by Eliphalet Wickes, Esq. of Jamaica, Long Island.

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- 15. The Othniel Smith Scholarship, founded by Mr. Othniel Smith, of Jamaica, Long Island.
 - 16. The H. Smith Scholarship, founded by Miss H. Smith, of Carmel, Miss.
- 17. The Anderson Scholarship, founded by Mr. James Anderson, of New York. 18. The Kennedy Scholarship, founded by Mr. Anthony Kennedy, of Frankford, Pennsylvania.

19. The Colt Scholarship, founded by Rosswell L. Colt, Esq. of Baltimore.

20. The John Keith Scholarship, founded by Mr. John Keith, of Bucks Co. Pa. 21. The Boudinot Scholarship, founded by the Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL. D., of Burlington, New Jersey.

22. The ED Scholarship, founded by Mr. Robert Hall, and his sister, Marion

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23. The Kirkpatrick Scholarship, founded by William Kirkpatrick, Esq., of Lancaster, Pa.

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25. The Ralston Scholarship, founded by Robert Ralston, Esq., of Philadelphia. 26. The Benjamin Smith Scholarship, founded by Mr. Benjamin Smith, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

27. The Sweetman Scholarship, founded by the Rev. Joseph Sweetman, of

Charlton, New York.

28. The Deare Scholarship, founded by Miss Mary Deare, of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

29. The Mary Holland Scholarship, founded by Miss Mary Holland, of Phila-

delphia.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AT PRINCETON, N. J.

The Trustees report to the General Assembly, that the following is the report of their Treasurer, James S. Green Esq., as audited by the Rev. Nicholas Murray, D. D., and the Rev. Eli F. Cooley, a committee of the Board appointed for the purpose.

"The committee on the Treasurer's accounts, report that they have examined the same, and find a balance in his hands on general account of \$1873.861.

This balance is made up of the following balances:

On Education Fund, \$980.111 " Expense Fund, 822.69 " Contingent Fund, 71.06\$1873.861

The Treasurer has received since the last settlement in May 1844, on the Education Fund, consisting of Scholarships, Students' Fund, Princeton Bank Stock, &c., the sum of \$2405.92; which added to the balance then due this fund, amounts to the sum of \$3484.63½; and he has paid out, on the orders of the Professors, to the students, since that period, the sum of \$2501.52, leaving in his hands the above balance due this fund of \$980.111.

The Treasurer has received since the last settlement, in May 1844, on the Expense Fund, the sum of \$1116.00, which added to the balance then due this fund, amounts to the sum of \$1851.82; and he has paid out on the warrants of the President, for servants' wages, oil, fuel, library, Treasurer's and Secretary's salaries, and other contingent expenses, the sum of \$1029.13; leaving in his

hands the above balance of \$822.69.

The Treasurer has received since the last settlement, in May 1844, on the Contingent Fund, from Mr. Newkirk, Mr. Van Renssalaer, the churches, monies invested, and donations, the sum of \$9343.02; which added to the sum due this fund on last settlement, amounts to \$9671.06; and he has paid for Professors' salaries \$9600, leaving in his hands the above balance of \$71.06.

It appears from the Treasurer's statement, that the salaries of the Professors

have been paid in full to 1st May instant; but to do this, the Treasurer has been mainly indebted to the Rev. C. Van Renssalaer, who has advanced out of monies collected by him for the Seminary, the sum of \$2173, for which the Treasurer has given a receipt, stating that the said sum is to be returned out of any monies to be received for Professors' salaries."

The Board would report that Miss Catharine Naglee, of Philadelphia, deceased, has left in her will a legacy to the Theological Seminary, leaving it to the Institution to determine the object to which it should be applied. Of this legacy, \$372.13 has been received, which the Board have directed their Treasurer to

invest for the Permanent Fund for the payment of Professors' salaries.

They would also report that Mr. John Galbraith of Steubenville, Ohio, deceased, left in his will a legacy to the Seminary, amounting to \$433.88, "for the benefit and use of educating young men for the gospel ministry." This sum has been received; and the Board have directed the Treasurer to invest the same, and that the income be appropriated to the support of indigent students in the Seminary.

The Board would further report, that at their present meeting, they were informed that in September last, a Convention was held in the Seminary, in consequence of an invitation from the committee appointed by the last Assembly, to take measures to supply the deficiency in the funds. This Convention was composed of alumni of the Institution, and members of this Board, and of the Board of Directors. At this meeting it was resolved to make an effort fully to endow the Seminary. For this purpose, they appointed the Rev. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer a general agent; who accepted the appointment, and generously declined accepting any remuneration for his services, or travelling expenses. Board have not received as yet any official communication from Mr. Van Rensselaer; but they are gratified to learn that he has been diligently and successfully employed in his agency. A report will probably be made by Mr. Van Rensselaer at the next meeting of the Board, which will enable them to give a full account of this important agency to the next Assembly.

Several valuable additions have been made to the library through the year by

purchase; and a few donations have been received.

The donations are as follows:

Wilkes' Exploring Expedition, five, volumes, with an Atlas, from James Lenox, Esq., of New York. Essays on Christian Union, by several eminent divines, sent from Scotland. One set of the volumes of the American Tract Society, twothirds of the price of which was a donation from the agent of the Seminary. A continuation of the volumes of the Presbyterian Board of Publication. Eleven pamphlets in defence of Episcopacy, from H. C. C. And Broadhead's Report to the Legislature of New York, from Rev. Dr. J. N. Campbell. Mr. Lenox has also presented two large engravings, one a Lithograph of the death of Calvin, and the other a fine print representing the Protestants presenting their Protest at the Diet of Spires.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN McDowell, Secretary.

Princeton, May, 13th, 1845.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEMINARY ARE

REV. JAMES CARNAHAN, D. D., President. LEWIS W. R. PHILLIPS, Esq., Vice President. REV. JOHN McDowell, D. D., Secretary.

Benjamin Strong, Dr. John T. Woodhul!, Solomon Allen, James Lenox, H. W. Green, Esq., John J. Bryant, Esq., Rev. Wm. W. Phillips, D. D., Rev. David Comfort, Rev Isaac V. Brown,

James Nelson, Esq., Benjamin McDowell, Esq., Stephen Colwell, Esq., Reuben Van Pelt, Prof. Joseph Henry, LL. D., Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. LL. D., Rev. Joseph McElroy, D. D., Rev. Eli F. Cooley, Rev. Nicholas Murray. D. D.,

Treasurer, James S. Green, Esq., Princeton.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ALLEGHENY CITY, PA.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary respectfully report to the General Assembly, that since the last report, the following fourteen students have been regularly matriculated, viz.:

Orville Babcock, graduate of Allegheny College, Pa. John P. Caldwell, Franklin College, Ohio. do. Prosper H. Jacob, do. do. do. do. Samuel B. Cheek, Centre College, Ky. do. Lowman P. Hawes, do. do. do. William Edgar, Jefferson College, Pa. do. Ephraim Ogden, do. do. do. do. G. W. Shaiffer, do. do. do. do. Samuel B. Hall, do. Yale College, Conn. Thomas S. Leason, do. Washington College, Pa. Andrew McIlwain, do. do. do. do. James L. Patterson, do. do. do. do. David C. Reed, do. do. do. do. W. B. Steward. do. do. do. do.

Besides these students, who are all connected with the Presbyterian Church, Joshua Hart, of the Cumberland Presbyterian; George B. Holmes, of the Evangelical Lutheran; Franklin Moore and John B. Kennedy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have been in attendance.

The highest number of students in attendance upon the studies of the Seminary,

during the past year, has been fifty.

The students have been examined in presence of an Examining Committee ap-The report of that Committee is, that "the examinapointed by the Board. tion was entirely satisfactory, and furnished ample evidence, that whilst the Professors have laboured diligently in their vocation, they have not laboured in vain. The progress of the students generally has been such as to manifest that they appreciate their privileges, and are disposed to improve them."

The following students completed their full course in the Seminary at the close of the session ending June, 1844, viz. Adley Calhoun, Andrew P. Happer, Ross Stevenson, Samuel M. Coon, Matthew R. Miller, William D. Moore, George Morton, William M. Robinson. Of the above, Mr. Happer is gone out as a foreign missionary to China, and Mr. Coon is now in Pittsburgh, on his way to the Iowa Indians; both under the direction of your Board of Foreign Missions.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires during the

present sessions of the Assembly, viz.

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

Rev. Francis Herron, D.D. " E. P. Swift, D.D.

- Matthew Brown, D.D.
- W. B. McIlvain, 66 John Stockton,
- 66 Ebenezer Graham,
- James Alexander.

Robert Wray, M.D. Henry Hannen, M.D. Benjamin Williams.

The Board would also report to the Assembly, that during the past year an effort has been made to endow two Professorships in the Seminary, which has been successful in a degree highly gratifying, and of such a nature as to encourage the hope of final success. They would also record, with gratitude to God, that at a time when great pecuniary embarrassment rested upon the Institution, and when we were on the eve of losing one of our beloved Professors, God in a remarkable

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manner raised up men who benevolently proffered the requisite means to deliver the Seminary from its pressing wants, and thus enabled us to retain that beloved member of the Faculty. The Institution is at the present time in a condition of

encouraging and increasing prosperity.

The Board transmit herewith an Act of Incorporation of a Board of Trustees for the Western Theological Seminary, together with a supplement to the same, by the Legislature of Pennsylvania-asking the General Assembly to recognize and approve said Act and supplement.

By order of the Board,

FR. HERRON, President.

ROBERT DUNLAP, Secretary. Pittsburgh, May 9th, 1845.

THE PROFESSORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE

Rev. David Elliott, D.D., Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Lewis W. Green, D.D., Professor of Oriental Literature and Biblical Criti-

Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE

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66 John Stockton, Ebenezer Graham,

James Alexander,

Robert Johnson, 66

William Jeffery, C. C. Beatty, D.D. Samuel McFarren,

66 Loyal Young, -6 Richard Lea,

66 H. G. Comingo,

David McConaughy, D.D. 66

A. O. Patterson, D.D. Robert Dunlap,

A. D. Campbell, D.D. 66 Noah H. Gillett,

66 James Culbertson,

Absalom McCready.

Robert Wray, M.D. Henry Hannen, M.D. Benjamin Williams,

Harmar Denny, Alexander Semple, Malcom Leech,

Alexander Laughlin, Fr. G. Bailey, Thomas Kiddoo.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE

Francis Herron, D.D., President. E. P. Swift, D.D., Vice President. Robert Dunlap, Secretary. Michael Allen, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary having determined to hold but one annual meeting, and that in the Fall, it devolves upon the Faculty, by their direction, to submit the usual annual report to the General Assembly.

During the year just closed there have been twenty-six students. Of these, the

following have entered during the year, viz.

James M. Wilson, graduate of Washington College, Va.

William M. Rogers, licentiate of the Appomatox (Baptist) Association. Stephen A. Stanfield, graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Robert L. Dabney, Virginia. do. Hampden Sidney College, Va. William Stoddert, do. Samuel C. Pharr, do. Princeton College, N. J. Benjamin G. McPhail, do. Jefferson College, Pa. do. Davidson College, N. C. Hugh A. Kimmons,

And the following have received certificates of having completed the full course of study at the Seminary, viz.

> Thomas E. Davis, of Cabarras county, N. C. Daniel B. Ewing, of Rockingham county, Va. James B. McBride, of Fincastle, Va.

At the close of the last session, there were twenty students in connexion with the Seminary.

By order of the Board of Directors, the usual Spring examinations have been dispensed with, and the examinations on all the subjects will take place in Sep-

tember, at the close of the Seminary year.

Legacies, amounting to upwards of three thousand dollars, have been left to the permanent funds of the Seminary by pious members of the Presbyterian Church, which, when paid, will be duly reported.

THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY ARE

Rev. S. B. Wilson, D.D., Professor of Theology.

S. L. Graham, D.D., Professor of Oriental Literature.

F. S. Sampson, Assistant Instructer.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE

Rev. WILLIAM S. PLUMER, D.D., President.

R. Burwell, 1st Vice President.

WILLIAM H. FOOTE, 2d Vice President.

Andrew Hart, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of the Faculty,

F. S. Sampson, Clerk.

April 24th, 1845.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The whole amount received by the Treasurer from May 1st, 1844, to May 1st, 1845, was \$13,179 66, making, together with \$937 66, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer from the last year, the sum of \$14,117 32. The expenditures during the year have amounted to \$13,632 57, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the fiscal year, of four hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-five cents.

The following is an abstract of the several h	heads	of I	lece	ipts	and	Ex	penditur	es:
Balance from the last year,		-				_	937	66
Contingent funds, contributions from churches	s, &c		-				815	
Commissioners' fund,		-					228	
Dividends on bank stocks, and interest on mort	gage	s, &	cc.		-		5,170	
Special fund Princeton Theological Seminary,	,	-		-		-	767	
Rev. J. Eastburn's Bequest, dividends, rents, &	&c.				-		512	50
Permanent funds received, paid in,	•	•		-		-	4,205	34
Board of Education,	-		-		-		445	54
Theological Seminary at Princeton, -				-		-	806	01
Professors' salaries,	•		•		•		227	75
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Philadelphia, May 1st, 1845.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, May 1, 1845,

The Committee on Accounts have examined the stocks, bonds and mortgages in the hands of Matthew Newkirk, Treasurer, and vouchers for moneys paid by him, and believe the same to be correct, leaving a cash balance of four hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-five cents in his hands.

MATTHEW L. BEVAN, STEPHEN COLWELL, JAMES N. DICKSON,

PHILADELPHIA, May 5th, 1845.

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	66	" Union Bank of Tennessee,		15,262 50
	66	42 Bank of Mobile,		11,027 50
	66	" Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Wheeling,		15,025 00
	66	43 Agricultural Bank of Mississippi,		23,701 76
	66	" Planters' Bank of Tennessee,		22,106 25
	66	44 Grand Gulf Rail Road Company,		992 47
	66	" Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Loan,		940 74
	66	45 Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia,		4,828 81
		Tenth Presbyterian Church,		7,592 03
	66	37 United States 5 per cent. Loan,		4,185 34
	66	46 Solomon Allen,		6,000 00
	66	" John Colt,		2,500 00
	66	47 Josiah Hall,		5,000 00
	66	48 Philadelphia Bank Stock,		2,000 00
	66	" North America Insurance Co. Stock,		450 00
	66	49 Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Co.,		1,000 00
	66	" Pennsylvania Insurance Co. Stock,		780 00
	66	50 Pennsylvania Bank Stock,		400 00
	66	" United States Bank Stock,		1,100 00
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46	31 The Senior Class, 1819	do.	•	_	-		-		•	2,282	
66	32 The	do.			_		_	•	_	2,186	
66	33 The Senior Class, 1823	do.			_		_		_	1,117	
6.6	34 The Senior Class, 1820 & 23		-		-		_		_	1,603	
66	35 The Harmony	do.						_		1,810	
66	36 Boudinot Missionary Fund,	-	-						-	5,017	
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66	71 Contingent Fund, General				-		-		-	308	
66	56 Contingent Expenses, Board	d of T	ruste	ees		-		•			40
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TABULAR STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS.

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STOCKS, &c.	Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank of Pittsburgh,	Planters' Bank of Mississippi,	Bank of Louisville,	Union Bank of Tennessee,	Bank of Mobile,	Agricultural Bank of Mississippi,	Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Wheeling,	Planters' Bank of Tennessee,	Grand Gulf Rail Road and Banking Company, .	Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia,	Philadelphia Bank,	Bank of the United States,	Bank of North America,	Bank of Pennsylvania,	Insurance Company of Pennsylvania,	Insurance Company of North America,	Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company,	Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore R. Road Co. Loan, -		United States' 5 ner ct. Loan.	Bond, Tenth Presbyterian Church, (balance)	Do. Central Presbyterian Church, -	Do. Solomon Allen,	Domissory Note of John Colt	Troumpage Troub of South Coll.	

We the undersigned, members of the Finance Committee, having been requested by the Board of Trustees, to make an estimate of the value of the Stocks owned by the General Assembly, certify that the market value this day is as set down in the last column, viz. \$82,833 00. S. ALLEN,

Philadelphia, May 8th, 1845.

CASH BALANCE.

The following items makes the cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer,

May 1st, 1845.	
Boudinot Missionary Fund,	17 40
Fund for the Conversion of the Jews,	12 31
Rev. Joseph Eastburn's Bequest,	$23 \ 05$
Contingent expenses of Board of Trustees,	59 40
Commissioners' Fund,	33 76
Fund for the Indians of North America,	$10 \ 00$
Pennsylvania Insurance Company,	20 00
Contingent Fund of General Assembly,	308 83
	\$484 75

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR RAISING FUNDS, FOR 1844.

Report of the Committee to whom was Committed by the General Assembly of 1843, the subject of "Obtaining Funds" for the Boards of the Church.

The Committee have given much attention to the subject, deeming it of vital importance, and believing that it claims special attention at this time. Could they have met and conferred personally, they might have prepared a more full and satisfactory report; but confined to correspondence by letters, they have come to

the conclusions and concur in the views now presented.

When the Church was made the "pillar and ground of the truth," a trust was committed to her, which she cannot neglect with impunity. It involves not only the preservation, but the use and the propagation of the truth for her own edification, and for the conversion of the world. This trust is to be executed by using appointed means; among which, the raising up, and sending forth, and sustaining of well qualified and faithful men, to preach the gospel, at home and abroad, is justly regarded as being prominent. And unless this is done there will be weakness and declension and death in the Church, for we cannot expect that God will give his blessing to those who neglect a duty so obvious, and so important. The world will not receive the gospel of salvation, for God has given the conversion of the world to the Church as her special work, in respect of instrumentality, and the perdition of unnumbered multitudes will come up in remembrance at the

final judgment.

Under the influence of such solemn considerations, the Presbyterian Church, at an early period of her history, engaged in this work, first in a somewhat isolated and desultory manner, and afterwards in a more combined and systematic method. From a conviction of the duty and blessedness of being zealously and methodically engaged in the great work of converting the world, originated the Boards of the General Assembly, which have existed several years; and by their agency very much has been done, and plans and arrangements have been formed, and beginnings have been made for the accomplishment of yet more and greater good. These agencies—the Boards of the Church—deserve the most serious consideration of all the members of our communion, on account of their legitimate relation to our ecclesiastical organization, their fitness to do the work for which they have been appointed, the good effects which have already followed their operation, and the still more extended and strongly marked success which shall crown their efforts, when they shall be adequately sustained. Some among us may entertain favourable opinions of other organizations, or may desire some modification of arrangement or operation-not as an entire change, but as an improvement of the existing system; yet shall we for such reasons withhold our aid, or be lukewarm in the common cause? Will any who are truly with us in faith and order, under the influence of circumstantial objections, keep back their hands from substantial duty? We trust not.

It must be confessed, however, that much less has been done, in the time that is past, than ought to have been done by a Church possessing, as we do, a large amount of capital, in numbers, wealth, and talents, and blessed with a system of faith so scriptural, and an ecclesiastical organization so well adapted to usefulness, as combining both energy and freedom, and favoured in so high a degree with special grace. Instead of the number of missionaries, at home and abroad, now in commission, there ought to be twice or thrice as many; and the number of youth preparing for the ministry ought to be very much increased; and the Board of Publication needs greatly enlarged means of spreading throughout the whole Church those most valuable books which are constantly issuing from their press. Besides, there are needed, at this time, additional funds to sustain not less than fifty itinerating missionaries in the United States, and to assist annually fifty or sixty feeble churches in erecting houses of public worship.

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Why has there been any failure in this work? The proximate cause of failure has been, and still is, the neglect, in a great degree, of the congregations in connexion with us to contribute the amount of money which is needed. This has been, at least, one great reason of failure; the people have not given in proportion to the blessing, both spiritual and secular, which they have received of the Lord; they have not given even according to their numbers. Want of faith, indeed, and of effectual fervent prayer, and of every grace, might be assigned as causes of this deficiency; but it is plain that all our operations are greatly con-

tracted and delayed by want of funds.

It is not to be supposed, for a moment, that the Church is really unable to give the whole amount which that work demands, which is ours by the will of the Lord. Facts prove that the ability, perhaps even the willingness, the liberality of our people has never been fairly tested. Not one-half of our churches give, in any one year, such a contribution as is worthy of notice in the general account. And what is more painful still, about one-half of all that was contributed in 1843, as reported to the General Assembly, came from less than one hundred congregations; while others, as numerous and wealthy, perhaps, either withheld their help, or gave comparatively little.

And where lies the blame, if blame we must term it, of this state of things? Is it in the General Assembly, or the Boards, or their agents? We think not: all these have often and loudly called for help. The people may plead that they do not see the necessity of giving largely and constantly: they have given, when occasion has been presented, according to their views of duty, and of the wants of the Church, and their own necessities. Without intending to prefer any charge of criminal delinquency, we must express the conviction which we feel, that the omission of that effort which is needed is two-fold—the want of exertion on the part of pastors and ruling elders and deacons, and the absence of a systematic plan

of operation in our congregations.

To change this state of things, reliance must be placed chiefly on the inferior judicatories-synods and presbyteries and sessions-and their members individually the pastors and elders. They must be fully informed of their duty and responsibility, and of the work to be done, and the necessary amount of means. The whole subject must be placed before them, and on their sense of duty and estimate of responsibility to the Church, and to her Head, the success of the whole system must rest. And to engage them to due effort, it is necessary that the synods and presbyteries make it a part of their business, at their regular meetings, to inquire, to instruct, and to report annually respecting this matter. This should be deemed equally important as the examining of records, and inquiring and reporting on the state of the churches in other respects. And until this is done-generally and faithfully done—it is in vain to allege that we have redeemed, or have attempted to redeem, the pledge by which we are engaged, as a Church, before God and a perishing world. That the several Boards may and must employ agents to some extent, according to the exigency of circumstances, is to be allowed and approved; but it is impossible that each Board should keep in the field as many agents as would be necessary in order to obtain the regular and full contributions of all, or even of one-half of the churches in every year. They could not find the men, nor would the Church willingly bear the necessary expense. On the inferior judicatories, we repeat it, the responsibility of failure or success must ultimately fall.

And there must be extended throughout the Church an efficient, systematic plan of giving -- of giving regularly and liberally-for those purposes which are distinctively termed benevolent; and our people should be so instructed that it is "more blessed to give than to receive," as our Lord has said, that they shall be persuaded to be willing and punctual. Thus shall their munificence flow from principle; and in motive, and in amount, it will comport with the nature and extent of the object.

On these gounds it is recommended that an earnest appeal be made to all our congregations and their members, without delay, through their organized judicatories; and that all be invited to help, according to their ability, in doing the work of the Lord, as cheerful givers. For this purpose the following resolutions are

submitted to the consideration of the General Assembly.

1. Resolved, That the regular and liberal contributions of all the members and friends of the Presbyterian Church are indispensably necessary to the full performance of her duty to her Lord, to herself, and to the world; as she is one portion of that visible church to which the glorious and blessed gospel is confided.

2. Resolved, That it is requisite for this purpose that, in every congregation without exception, such a plan of regular contribution shall be adopted, as will give to every one an opportunity of casting his gift into the treasury of the Lord's House, at quarterly or other stated periods.

3. Resolved, That it be recommended to each congregation to adopt one of the three following plans as may seem most expedient. A public collection on a stated day, and of this day and of the purpose for which the collection is made previous notice shall be given; or, 2, after previous notice, collectors appointed by the session shall make personal application to all the members for their contributions to a specified object; or a subscription shall be made specifying the time of payment quarterly or otherwise, for the whole year, and the purpose to which the payment shall be applied.

4. Resolved, That it is the duty and privilege of the session in each congregation to take charge of this business, and either execute, or direct and superintend the execution of the particular plan which may be adopted; provided, always, that if there is a Board of Deacons in the congregation, the specific execution of the

plan should be regarded as their duty.

5. Resolved, That the Pastor and Elders in every congregation should regard it as their duty to diffuse full information on the whole subject; and particularly, that every minister should preach on the duty of contributing willingly and liberally for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, as often as occasion may require.

6. Resolved, That it be and hereby is enjoined on the Synods and Presbyteries

to take effectual order on this subject; and particularly that each Synod require of its Presbyteries, and each Presbytery of its congregations, respectively, written reports of their diligence and success in performing their duty in this matter, once in every year: and further, that each Synod append to its annual report to the General Assembly a statement of the observance of this injunction.

7. Resolved, That the Boards of the General Assembly be required to instruct their agents, respectively, to observe a careful conformity to the plan of contribution adopted, if any has been adopted, in the congregations which they visit; or if any congregation has failed to observe the recommendation before made, then to

give their best assistance for this purpose.

The committee further report that in their opinion it would not be expedient at this time to adopt the plan of united agency referred to them by the last Assembly. Whatever may be its merits, it has not obtained general approbation, especially of those on whom its execution must depend; and unless it should be harmoniously adopted, and willingly and zealously executed, it must of course, fail to accomplish the end which it proposes.

In behalf of the Committee,

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR RAISING FUNDS, 1845.

To the Rev. the Moderator of the General Assembly of 1845.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,-The General Assembly of 1843 appointed an able committee, of which the Rev. Dr. Hoge was chairman, on the subject of "collecting That committee made a report to the Assembly of 1844. This report cost much correspondence and labour, and presents some very important views on the subject of missionary and kindred operations. The Assembly did not act definitively upon it, but referred it back to the same committee, substituting (at the request of Dr. Hoge to be excused from acting further,) the name of the undersigned as chairman of the committee. The report thus laid over has been extensively published, but, so far as known, has led to no discussion calculated to evoke the judgment of our churches on the subject of which it treats. The undersigned regrets that circumstances, over which he had no control, have hindered him from conferring with other members of the committee, in any way calculated to obtain additional light from them. This, however, he regrets the less because their matured views were imbodied in the report of last year, which is herewith returned to the General Assembly. But he has, during the year, taken much pains to learn so far as he could by reading and correspondence, the views of wise and good men, in and out of our own branch of the church, on the whole subject. The result has been an increased conviction,

1. That the duty of contributing, according to our ability, to the various benevolent objects, which may fairly claim the charities of the church, is so frequently inculcated in the Scriptures, and in such a variety of modes, that probably no one will deny it, and he will not, therefore, attempt to prove it. The passages quoted under subsequent heads will abundantly clear up any doubts on this point. As to the manner of giving, he does not find in the New Testament any general injunction laid upon all the churches, in that or any other age, to make weekly or other stated contributions to benevolent objects. But in 1st Cor. xvi. 1, 2, he does find an "order" to the Corinthian Church, which Paul says he had also "given to the churches of Galatia," to this effect, viz. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no

gathering when I come."

Upon this it may be observed, that nothing appears in the circumstances of those churches, which would make such a method of raising moneys for benevolent objects more obligatory upon them than upon other churches, and in other ages,

where it was practicable.

2. In order to the churches discharging the obligations resting upon them in regard to benevolent objects, they ought to make *stated* contributions to them. By this is meant that the times or seasons of making collections for these purposes ought to be *fixed*, so as *statedly* to recur. Otherwise they will be very irregularly remembered, and to a very great extent neglected altogether. They should recur both *statedly* and *frequently*. Much is lost to the grace, as well as to the objects

of benevolence in the church by unfrequent and irregular contributions.

On the other hand, where they are made frequently and statedly, the members of the churches will soon ascertain the objects, which call for their charity; will soon learn to feel in a greater degree their obligations in regard to them; and will gradually come to live more with reference to them. The principle, or, as Paul calls it, 2. Cor. viii. 7. the grace of benevolence, being thus more exercised, would more rapidly strengthen; the habit of giving would be more extensively formed; and the streams of bounty, though small, yet being more numerous and constant, would yield a fuller and more certain supply.

There can hardly be any insuperable obstacle in the way of making stated contributions in all our churches that are fully organized, and where religious worship is regularly maintained. It will devolve upon the Sessions or Boards of Deacons to see that the proper objects of benevolence be brought before the churches, and to determine the times at which this may best be done. As to weak and destitute churches, the end might, in most cases, be effected by proper diligence

in the Presbyteries and agencies of the Church.

Nor does any good reason appear why, in living, as above suggested, with re-

ference to these stated contributions, the Apostolic injunction, already quoted, (1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2.) may not be extensively practised in all the churches. It will be observed that the rule is for individuals to lay by in store, as God has prospered them, so that the sum thus laid up may be ready whenever the call shall be made for it. As already stated, the times of these calls are undetermined in the Scriptures, and they contain no rule universally binding on the churches or on individuals as to the mode of exercising this nost excellent grace. But it is apparent that the rule under consideration, properly understood, might be extensively and advantageously followed. It would tend greatly to enlarge the hearts of God's people; and there are few who would not be surprised at the aggregate result of these small, but frequent bounties.

Whenever the regular and public call shall be made, the contributors might apportion their respective sums to such objects as they might themselves specify; or they might cast the whole into the treasury of the Lord, without such specifica-

tions, and leave the apportionment to the officers of the church.

It scarcely admits of a doubt, if our churches and members could be induced to act upon these principles, more would be given to benevolent objects than in any other way; while every Christian would have the opportunity given of making

what contributions he pleased, and to the objects of his own choice.

3. It is believed that all agencies ought not to be abolished. Perhaps too many have already been dispensed with. Some wise men are of opinion, that, after some experience on the subject, a reaction is taking place in the minds of many of our most judicious brethren. It is not contended that agencies may not be too greatly multiplied, or otherwise abused, so as to be burdensome to the charities and injurious to the interests of the Church; but judiciously conducted, they are believed to be both scriptural and proper. Into the scriptural argument on this branch of the subject, it may be well to enter more at large, because it is too often overlooked, and because the consideration of it will strengthen the views already

suggested.

From Gal. ii. 10, we learn that when Paul and Barnabas, after attending the Council at Jerusalem, (Acts xv.,) would revisit the churches which they had planted in their former missionary tour, they received from their Apostolic brethren an injunction that they "should remember the poor," i. e. the poor saints in Judea and Jerusalem, as we learn from Acts xi. 29, xxiv. 17; Rom. xv. 26, and 1 Cor. xvi. 3. Here, then, was an agency committed to Paul and Barnabas in connexion with their missionary work, to take up a "collecton for the saints" in all the churches, which Paul says (Gal. ii. 10) he "was forward to do." And it deserves to be noted, upon comparing Gal. ii. 10, and 1 Cor. xvi. 1-3, that it was in execution of this agency that the "order," above mentioned, was given to the churches of Galatia and Corinth, and probably, therefore, to the other churches also.

Carefully compare Rom. xv. 24-27; xvi. 1-2; 1 Cor. xvi. 1-6, 2 Cor. viii. and ix. and xi. 8, 9, and Philippians iv. 14-19, and we may learn—

I. Some of the objects of the pious charities of the primitive churches,-at least,

of those in which Paul laboured. As,

1st. The poor saints in Judea and Jerusalem. Rom. xv. 26, compare Acts xi. 29. The distribution of the funds raised for this object was doubtless committed to the deacons, the occasion and design of whose institution is recorded in Acts vi. 1-6.

2. The support of the Apostles and other ministers as missionaries and agents,—for in the case of Paul and Barnabas, we have seen that they acted in both capacities. Thus Rom. xv. 24, Paul expects "to be brought on his way" to Spain by the Roman Church—1 Cor. xvi. 6; he expects the Corinthians "to bring him on his journey whithersoever he goes:" 2 Cor. xi. 8, 9, he states that he "robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do service" to the Corinthians: Philip. iv. 14-18; he acknowledges frequent contributions from the Philippians while labouring in Thessalonica, (other places out of Macedonia are implied, compare 2 Cor. viii. 9) and now finally in Rome.

3. The pious Phebe in her labours of love. Rom. xvi. 1, 2.—We learn

II. Something of the agencies employed in raising and collecting funds for those objects.

Paul, while engaged as a missionary, acted also as an agent, certainly for the first-mentioned cause, and in his letters was careful to forward it, and both the others. Rom. xvi. 1, 2, 1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2, 6; 2 Cor. viii. and ix; Philip. iv. 10.—

From 2 Cor. viii. 6, 16-24, it appears that Titus and "other brethren" were also appointed messengers of the churches, "to attend to the forwarding of the collection in the church at Corinth. It is altogether reasonable to suppose that they acted in the same capacity in the other churches also. Paul endorses their commission, and commends them to the cordial reception of the brethren in Corinth. He distinctly states, 2 Cor. ix. 3-5, that he had sent them "to make up beforehand their bounty, that the same might be ready." They certainly were not office-bearers in the Corinthian church, with whom, however, it ought to be observed, that church must have been supplied. Their agency, therefore, is scarcely more equivocal than that of Paul and Barnabas,—of which last we have no account in the Scriptures, except that it was certainly committed to him. We read, Acts xi. 29, that Paul and Barnabas were sent with the contributions of the church at Antioch, for the relief of the brethren in Judea; but this was prior to their appointment to the agency of which notice is here taken Gal. ii. 9, 10. From 1 Cor. xvi. 3, 4, it appears that the Apostle was ready to give every security that the churches could ask for the faithful application of their contributions.—We learn further,

III. The incentives which he urged to liberality in the churches, as

Carnal things were due for spiritual, Rom. xv. 27.
 Example of other churches, 2 Cor. viii. 1-6.

Christ's great sacrifice for us, 2 Cor. viii. 9.
 Every Christian should bear a part of the burden, 2 Cor. viii. 13-15.

5. The good report that was made of them, 2 Cor. ix. 1-5.

6. The grace of God abounding to the liberal, 2 Cor. ix. 6-8, &c. Philippians iv. 17-19.

7. The praise accruing to God, whose grace alone thus enlarges the heart, 2 Cor. ix. 11 to end.

It is loped that the number of references made to the Scriptures will not deter any who may have the matter in charge from a careful examination of them. They might have been multiplied; and had space allowed, more of them might have been quoted at length. It is certain, that he who spares himself the pains of this comparison of scriptures on the subject, will lose by far the most valuable suggestions that can be made on this subject; and it is believed that no one can patiently make it, without coming to the conclusion, that in the primitive church there were other agencies employed for the raising of funds for benevolent objects, besides the regular office-bearers of the different churches. It is at least incumbent upon those who imperatively confine this business to the pastors and sessions, to adduce scrip-

tural precept and example as explicit for their opinion.

The argument from the experience of the church is also thought to be valid in support of agencies. History proves that they have enlarged her contributions. It would be impossible to estimate the knowledge and zeal diffused amongst pastors and people by judicious agents, in the various departments of benevolence. In many sections they have been the means of establishing systematic plans of giving in the different churches. Where these can now dispense with agencies, it is owing in a good measure to the previous labours of agents; and were they even now entirely laid aside, who can doubt that many of the churches would gradually relapse into their former state? Not a few are still dead to all the ordinary calls of benevolence; and of many long would be the slumber, if our Boards and other institutions did not reach and arouse them through their agents. Our pastors even are far from being able as yet, if all ever will be, to dispense with these co-ordinate labourers. In some cases it may be said that pastors and sessions have probably been stimulated to do well by their very opposition to agencies. If our branch of the church should abandon them, other denominations will not; and it requires no deep insight to see that in that case the odds would be against us. Let it be repeated that agencies may be and have been abused; but judiciously conducted, it is proven that they are both scriptural and expedient.

IV. No man can carefully examine the reports of any extended portion of the American Church, without yielding to the painful conviction that covelousness, selfishness, indifference to the interests of Christ's kingdom, and kindred sins, do extensively prevail. The great hindering cause to all good works is the low state of piety. It might be instructive to some to see tables of all the contributions in our own communion for several years past. But statements of that kind have often

been made, and perhaps to little purpose. Indeed, the annual sermons and reports sent out by our various institutions, seem to have exhausted all the powers of argument and appeal to the people for an enlargement of their liberality. Shall we then yield to sadness and despondency? Surely not. Let the Assembly and the lower judicatories bear a solemn testimony to scripture doctrine on this whole subject; let pastors be faithful and persevering, setting a good example; let the agents sent forth be chosen for their prudence, zeal, and ability; let each institution of the church carefully pursue its appropriate work, and then let us hope in God, who alone gives success, and we may yet see better days.

It is requested that this report, after having been read, may, together with the report by Dr. Hoge to the last Assembly, be referred to a committee, who may determine what matters contained in them merit the action of the Assembly.

All which is very respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM S. PLUMER, Chairman.

BOARDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Abstract of the Eighth Annual Report, 1845.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES .- The Receipts, as acknowledged in the Treasurer's Accounts, in the year ending May 1, 1845, were \$84,513 95, to which add the unexpended balance from last year of special contributions for the China Mission, \$4,355 63, making the sum of \$88,869 58-of which \$3000 were received from the American Bible Society, and \$1300 from the American Tract Society. From the above sum of \$88,669 58 should be deducted \$200 12, the balance against the Treasury in the current accounts of last year, and \$5,996 62, the unexpended balance of Indian funds for a manual labour boarding-school among the Iowas, leaving the sum of \$82,672 84 for the service of the year now reported. The expenditures of the same period have been \$81,469 71—showing a balance in favour of the Treasury of \$1203 13.

Publications.—The Missionary Chronicle is now published both in Newspaper and Pamphlet editions, and 6240 copies are circulated, of which nearly one-third are sent free of charge.* Of the Foreign Missionary, 14,200 copies are published. It is stated in the Report there are more than six hundred congregations, not including those that are "vacant," in which no copy of the Chronicle is taken, ex-

cepting the copy of the Minister.

AGENCIES.—The Rev. I. N. Candee has continued in the Western and South Western Agency, and the Rev. W. S. Rogers has spent six months as an agent in the western part of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. The Rev. W. H. Foote declined a re-appointment as Secretary and General Agent of the Central Board of Foreign Missions in October last.

NEW MISSIONARIES .- Nine ordained Ministers, three of them married, proceeded to various fields of labour during the last year, whose names and designation will

appear in connexion with their missions respectively.

Mission in Texas.-Four Ministers were connected with the Board in Texas: the Rev. H. Wilson at Independence, and as an Evangelist in that part of the country; the Rev. W. C. Blair at Victoria; the Rev. I. J. Henderson at Galves-

^{*} All ministers, licentiates, and students of theology of the Presbyterian Church; donors of \$10 and upwards, who do not prefer paying for it; and treasurers of missionary societies contributing \$15 and upwards, are entitled to receive the Missionary Chronicle gratuitously.

ton; and the Rev. J. W. Miller at Houston. Mr. Miller reached his field of labour in December last. Mr. Wilson declines a re-appointment, intending to restrict his labours to Independence, and two other places, and to take charge of a school, which is greatly needed in that region. At all these places the brethren have been faithfully employed in the Lord's work, and their labours have had manifest proofs of being attended with the Divine blessing. Texas, viewed as a missionary field, loses none of its interest in the progress of political events, and the door is widely open for an enlarged and more vigorous prosecution of the work of supporting the ministry of the gospel and founding Christian institutions.

Mission among the Creek Indians.—The Rev. Messrs. R. M. Loughridge and J. Limber are connected with this mission, Mr. Limber having reached the station in December last. Mr. Crawford, mentioned in the last Report, owing to a change of circumstances, did not join the mission. A boarding school has been commenced, with buildings capable of accommodating twenty pupils. Larger buildings will be erected, so as to enable the missionaries to receive twice that number. A church has been organized, and two persons admitted to its communion on examination; several others were receiving instruction as catechumens.

The prospects of this mission continue to be very flattering.

Mission among the Iowa, Sac and Otoe Indians.—The Rev. S. M. Coon and wife have been appointed to this Mission, and the Rev. W. Hamilton, Mr. S. M. Irvin, teacher, Mr. F. Irvin, farmer, and their wives, continue in its service. The leading feature in the proceedings of this mission, during the last year, has been the commencement of a manual labour boarding school on a large scale. A building is under contract, which will accommodate from 75 to 100 pupils, being 102 feet long by 36 deep, and three stories high. The Indians have appropriated of their annuity funds \$4675 67, and the United States Government \$2000 towards this institution; and the Indians will make annual payment of \$1440 of their school funds for the support of thirty of their children as pupils. It is expected that this school will exert a favourable influence on all the interests of the Iowa and Sac tribes. The day school formerly established has been attended at intervals by 50 scholars. Several small works have been issued from the press, and a part of the New Testament has been translated, and is ready for the press.

It is the intention of the Board to form a station in connexion with this mission among the Otoes, as soon as practicable. They are a neighbouring tribe to the Iowas and Sacs, and understand their language. Once the Otoes were numerous and powerful, but their numbers have been greatly reduced by the small-pox, wars

with other tribes, and that great enemy of the Indians, spirituous liquors.

Mission among the Chippewas and Ottawas.—The Rev. P. Dougherty, Mr. H. Bradley, and their wives continue at their station on Grand Traverse bay, and are still encouraged in their labours. The school has been attended by from 35 to 55 scholars, the number varying with the seasons of the year. The church contains 16 native members. The Indians are becoming more industrious, more comfortable in their mode of living, more skilful in cultivating their small farms, and thus are affording testimony that godliness has the promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come.

Mission to West Africa.—In the Kroo country there are stations at Settra Kroo and King Will's town, the Rev. J. M. Connelly, who joined the mission during the last year, and Mrs. Connelly (formerly Mrs. Sawyer) being at the former place, assisted by two native teachers, and the Rev. J. M. Priest and wife at the latter. A boarding school of forty scholars at Settra Kroo gives much satisfaction to the missionaries. A day school and a night school are also taught.

Religious services are conducted at both these stations.

In the Colony, the Rev. J. Eden is the pastor of the church at Monrovia, and upwards of one hundred scholars are taught in two schools, one of which is in Monrovia, and the other in a neighbouring village. The Rev. T. Wilson is at Sinoe, where he conducts religious services and has charge of a school.—Cecilia Vantyne is in this country on account of her health.—The general aspect of these missions continues nearly the same as was reported last year.

Missions in North India.—Lodiana Mission: stations at Lodiana, Saharunpur, Sabathu, and Merath, cities in the north western part of India, of which Lodiana is the most distant from Calcutta, (1170 miles); missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. J. Newton, J. R. Campbell, J. Porter, J. M. Jamieson, J. Caldwell, and L. Janvier,

all of whom are married, excepting Mr. Porter; Golak Nath, native licentiate preacher, and five native catechists and assistants: Mr. Recse Morris, printer, and family, are on their return to this country, on account of his health. The station at Sabathu, which the last report mentioned would probably be relinquished, has been re-occupied under favourable circumstances.

ALLAHABAD Mission: the station at Allahabad is 475 miles north-west of Calcutta, on the Ganges; missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. J. Wilson, J. Warren, J. E. Freeman, J. Owen, J. Wray, and their wives; Miss Vanderveer, teacher, transferred to this mission from the Furrukhabad mission; one native catechist.

FURRUKHABAD MISSION: stations at Futtehgurh, on the Ganges, about 750 miles north-west of Calcutta, Furrukhabad, and Mynpoorie; missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. H. R. Wilson, M. D., J. L. Scott, J. C. Rankin, W. H. McAuley, J. J. Walsh, and their wives; the Rev. Gopee Nauth Nundy; three native assistants.

The schools connected with these three missions embrace about eight hundred scholars, of whom nearly two hundred are boarding pupils, and a large part of the others are taught in schools of a high order. The printing presses at Lodiana and Allahabad have issued about 7,850,000 pages of the Scriptures and religious tracts, in four different languages. Some new works have been prepared for the press, and translations are in progress. [The painful intelligence of the loss of the Lodiana press by fire has been received since the Report was made.] are churches at Lodiana, Saharunpur, Futtehgurh and Allahabad, to most of which additional members have been admitted during the year. The native licentiate, Gopee Nauth Nundy, has been set apart to the work of an Evangelist, having been ordained by "the laying on of hands" by the Presbytery of Furrukhabad.* tensive tours have been made for the express purpose of preaching the Gospel, and distributing religious publications. A greater willingness to attend to Christian instruction, and less opposition have been manifested by the natives generally than in former years. Amongst the great multitude of pilgrims at Hurdwar, 25,000 copies of tracts and portions of the Scriptures were distributed, and for seventeen successive days large congregations attended with seriousness the preaching of the missionaries. A vast field, embracing many millions of pagans and Moham-medans, is perfectly open to the labours of Missionaries; but though the harvest is truly plentous, the labourers are few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Mission to Siam.—This mission is for the present suspended, the Rev. W. P. Buell having been constrained to withdraw from Siam by the ill health of Mrs. Buell. The Rev. R. Q. Way and wife, mentioned in the last Report as designated to this field, proceeded to China. The Board express the hope that this mission

will soon be resumed.

Missions to China.—The Canton Mission, for the province of Canton; missionaries, the Rev. A. P. Happer, M. D., and Mr. R. Cole, printer, and wife; stations for the present, *Hong Kong* and *Macao*; printing press, with metallic types in successful operation at Macao, 881,000 pages of the Scriptures having been printed in a short time.

The Amov Mission, for the province of Hokeen: missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. J. Lloyd and H. A. Brown; J. C. Hepburn, M. D., and wife; station at Amoy.

The Ningpo Mission, for the provinces of Che Keang and Keang Soo; missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. W. M. Lowrie, R. Q. Way and wife, A. W. Loomis and

wife, M. S. Culbertson and wife: D. B. McCartee, M. D.

Messrs. Way and McCartee had reached the station at Ningpo, and spent some months there; the other brethren probably proceeded to that city from Macao in January last. Of the missionaries to China, the Rev. Messrs. Loomis, Culbertson, Lloyd, Happer and Brown, sailed from this country during the last year, and all had arrived except Mr. Brown, who left the United States at a later period in the year.

These missions are yet in their infancy, but have been commenced and thus far established under favourable circumstances, and the prospect of their future useful-

ness continues to be of the deepest and most encouraging interest.

As a Church we cannot be too grateful for permission to bear a part in this great

^{*} This is the first instance, it is believed, in modern times. in the entire East, including all of Asia, of Presbyterian Ordination. Several native young men, of hopeful piety and good talents, are preparing for the Gospel Ministry.

work, and for being allowed to see so many approved brethren now actively enga-They should be often and earnestly remembered in the prayers of the ged in it.

people of God.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS IN PAPAL EUROPE.—A correspondence has been opened with the Evangelical Societies of France and of Geneva, in virtue of which the churches, through the agency of the Board, can take an efficient part in promoting the spread of pure Christianity in some of the Roman Catholic countries of Europe. The excellent Directors of those Societies have cordially entered into this correspondence, and will take the charge of whatever funds may be remitted to them by the Board, employing therewith ministers, evangelists, colporteurs, or teachers, and causing due reports to be made of their labours. In this way the Board has every guarantee for the judicious appointment and supervision of missionary labourers in Europe, the directors of those Societies being best acquainted with the methods of proceeding in their own countries, and being moreover men who hold the same views of doctrine and church order with ourselves, and men also who enjoy the confidence of their own churches, and of the churches in other lands. The Board is competent to engage in missionary operations in any foreign country, and can take the charge of funds for the European missions without any additional expense for collection or transmission.

Various considerations are presented in the Report, showing the importance of giving a liberal aid to our Protestant brethren in Europe, in their labours to promote the influence of a pure gospel,—considerations growing particularly out of the present position, in the world at large, of the Roman Catholic controversy. For these views, we must refer our readers to the Report itself. In the few months that have elapsed since the above mentioned correspondence was opened, the Board has remitted to the Evangelical Society of Geneva, \$1825 00, and to the Evangelical Society of France, \$1225 00. It is considered important greatly to enlarge the appropriations for this field of labour, in the present year.

PROPOSED MISSION TO THE JEWS .- A mission to the ancient people of God is mentioned in the Report, as having strong claims on the Church. Such a mission should not be undertaken at the expense of existing missions, but there is ample ability in the churches to support a Jewish mission; and it is hoped that the growing feeling of interest on behalf of the children of Israel will enable the Board without delay to engage in this important and good work.

BOARD OF MISSIONS (DOMESTIC).

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Missions for 1845.

Another year of our labours to spread the gospel through our land has now closed, and we present the churches here, with an abstract of the annual report of their Board of Missions. This abstract embodies some of the more immediate effects of their labours, the ultimate results can be known only to Him who "sees the end from the beginning." The year now closed has had its embarrassments and trials; but viewed as a whole, its history will be found to contain much to awaken gratitude, inspire hope, and encourage new effort. A vast amount of good has already been accomplished, and trains of influences have been set in motion, whose results Omniscience alone can know, or fully estimate.

The whole number of missionaries in commission during the year has been three hundred and forty-seven, and the number of congregations and missionary stations supplied, has been about one thousand. One hundred and ninety-eight were in commission at the commencement of the year, and one hundred and forty-nine have been new appointments during the year. A large number of the new appointments have been active young men, who have but recently entered the ministry, and are important accessions to our ministerial strength. In no previous year has there been so large a number of new missionaries sent into the field; and the whole number of missionaries, with the number of stations occupied, are consider-

ably in advance of any former year.

Of the whole number of missionaries in commission, two hundred and ten are located west of the Allegheny Mountains, and one hundred and thirty-seven are east of the mountains, including the Northern and Middle States, and the whole South to the Gulf of Mexico. Of the new appointments, ninety have been west of the mountains, and fifty-nine have been east and south.

There have been added to the churches, so far as reported, on examination, about fifteen hundred; on certificate, about one thousand; making a total of two thousand

five hundred.*

It is difficult to state precisely the number of strictly itinerant missionaries. A very large proportion of the whole number have supplied several stations, and extended their labours over large districts, and the whole field of labour has been considerably extended during the year.

Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes have increased both in number and interest, and there has been a very decided and most encouraging increase in the attention

paid to catechetical instruction.

The Temperance cause during the former part of the year, from causes noticed by the missionaries, was evidently on the decline. The friends of this cause were alarmed at what they witnessed, and were made to feel the necessity of adopting wise and energetic measures to check the evils with which they were threatened, and we rejoice in being able to state, that a most salutary change has taken place. This good cause we believe is again advancing, and we hope, on principles which will not so easily be shaken.

Much time has been devoted to pastoral labour, and preaching the gospel from house to house; and prayer-meetings, weekly and monthly, have been established and maintained with increasing interest, and to the spiritual benefit of many souls.

The benevolent institutions of the church have shared in the liberality of our mission churches; and there have been a number of instances in which these feeble churches have set a noble example in making sacrifices for the spread of the gospel; instances in which their "deep poverty has abounded unto the riches of

their liberality."

Religious tracts and books have been extensively circulated, and have been of essential importance to the missionaries in their work; and we would again earnestly call the attention of the friends of this cause to the great importance of having the invaluable works of the Board of Publication more extensively circulated on missionary ground. The demand for these works in the missionary field is great and pressing. The missionaries greatly need them, and the people need them. Their circulation through the whole missionary field, it is confidently believed, would accomplish an incalculable amount of good.

In the observance of the Sabbath, it is our privilege to report a very general and delightful improvement, and a very decided improvement also in the attendance of the people on the means of grace, and in the interest manifested in a preached

gospel.

It is not our privilege to report numerous and powerful revivals of religion during the past year. Revivals have been rare in our churches generally. There have been however, a few interesting revivals, even in this year of almost universal coldness and declension; and within the last few months there has been a very general and most encouraging change. There is evidently a reviving influence in many of these churches. In the language of very many of our missionaries, there is going forward at this time, a work of preparation. There is a waking up, and a very general expectation that God is about to revive his work. While then it is not our privilege, as in some former years to report powerful revivals of religion, nor very large accessions to the churches, we can report, that the labours of the church in this important department of her work, have been owned and blessed of God. An incaiculable amount of good has been accomplished; many valuable men have been sent into the field; much new ground has been occupied; and it is confidently believed, the cause of Domestic Missions as connected with our own church, has never before been in so vigorous and prosperous a state as at the present time. Certain we are, there has never been a period in our history as a church, when united and vigorous action was more imperatively demanded, and never a time when the friends of this cause had greater encouragement to labour than at the present.

^{*} The reports on this subject were not full when this was written, the number is doubtless much larger.

Funds.—The whole amount of funds, at the disposal of the Board during the year, including about twenty-five hundred dollars raised, and disbursed by the Synod of Mississippi, exceeds fifty thousand dollars. The amount paid out, including what was paid by the Synod of Mississippi, exceeds forty-seven thousand dollars, leaving a balance on hand, at the close of the year, of about three thousand dollars. But little expense has been incurred in the collection of funds; the great amount of the whole has been expended in the support of missionaries. The whole amount is an increase over the last year of nearly, or quite nine thousand dollars.

The Board have also the satisfaction of being able to state, that so far as reports have been received from the missionaries, they have all been paid up, or checks to the full amount due have been sent them. In being able to make this favourable, and truly cheering report, the Board feel they have special cause for gratitude to the Head of the church. During the early part of the year, owing to causes, over which the Board could have no control, there was a lamentable remissness in the churches; the collections for this object were few and small, and the consequence was, during a considerable portion of the summer and autumn, for want of means to pay the missionaries, many of them were in great want, and the cause suffered serious loss. But God has not been unmindful of his own cause, an important change has taken place, and the cheering results have been stated.

We would however caution the churches against the impression, that in the present prosperous state of the cause, they may venture to relax or delay their efforts in this good work; such impression would be most disastrous to the cause. The present favourable state of things, while it calls forth our gratitude, should encourage and animate us to greatly increased efforts. The present is a most critical, as well as an exceedingly interesting, and important moment in the great work of Domestic missions, and it calls for vigorous, united, prompt, decided effort. The engagements of the Board for the coming year are already very large, and to meet the constantly increasing wants of our country, these engagements of necessity must be greatly increased. The prosperity and success of the cause depend essentially, on the promptness with which the Board can meet the demands made upon them, and fulfill their engagements; and much, very much depends on the churches acting in this matter at an early day, that the Board may know in season what their resources will be. The ability of our churches to furnish ample means for carrying forward this work with greatly increased vigour, cannot for a moment be doubted, what is wanted and all that is needed is, a deep, and general interest in the cause, and wise systematic and energetic measures for calling out the strength of the whole church. May God, whose cause we plead, give the ready and willing mind, and prosper his own work.

MISSIONARY CHRONICLE.—During the past year, an important change has been made in the form, and price of the Missionary Chronicle; it is now published in newspaper form, and at a reduced price. This change, we believe has met with very general approbation, and the circulation of the paper has, in consequence been largely increased. We hail this as a token for good to the cause of Missions. The people need information on this subject; in very many of our Churches there is a lamentable ignorance on the whole subject of missions, and the necessary consequence is, but little interest is either felt, or manifested in the great mission ary work; this is certainly a serious evil, which the pastors should have corrected with as little delay as possible. The Missionary Chronicle, which is a Presbyterian paper, and is "the vehicle of information for all the missionary operations of the Presbyterian Church," should be found in every Presbyterian family in our connexion. This, it is confidently believed, to a very great extent might be accomplished, if our pastors, and the officers in our churches would only take hold of the work in earnest. We commend this subject to the special notice, and prompt attention

of the pastors and officers in all our churches.

Church Extension.—The last General Assembly committed a new work to their Board of Missions—to aid feeble churches in the erection of houses for worship.

As soon as was practicable after the adjournment of the Assembly, the Board called a special meeting, and adopted prompt and energetic measures to carry into full effect the order of the Assembly on this subject. A separate Committee on Church Extension was appointed, and a strong appeal was made to all our Presbyteries and churches. A number of the Presbyteries have taken order on the sub-

ject, and have appointed their committees. But we have to regret that the churches have almost totally failed in furnishing means for carrying forward this work. To a very few individuals, of distinguished liberality, has the Church Extension Committee been indebted for the means of doing any thing for this cause. The Committee have prosecuted their work with vigour; a vast amount of valuable information has been obtained; and in proportion to the means at command, much good has been accomplished.

The whole amount of funds received for this object during the year has been \$3670 50. Of this amount, there was contributed by the churches \$67 50. Appropriations have been made to aid forty congregations in the crection of church edifices. The Committee have also had prepared plans and estimates for church

buildings of four different sizes.

The short experience which the Board have had in this work has been sufficient to satisfy them, that if the churches generally would take an interest in the object, and furnish the necessary means, a vast amount of good might be accomplished. Their correspondence on this subject has clearly developed this important fact, that in most sections of our country, and more especially in our new States, the growth and permanent establishment of churches depend essentially on their having convenient houses in which to assemble for the worship of God. This work, therefore, if prosecuted with vigour, cannot but be viewed as an important auxiliary to the missionary work; at the same time, it should be distinctly understood, the work cannot be prosecuted to advantage unless a much more general and a much deeper interest is taken in it by the churches. On the present plan, it is believed a vast amount of good might be accomplished, if pastors and the churches generally would engage heartily in the work; and, for the present, the plan which has been adopted is probably as good as any which could be suggested.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, we would remind the pastors in our churches, and all the friends of this cause, of their great and constantly increasing responsibility in relation to Domestic Missions. It cannot be too often repeated, that the work of supplying this country with gospel privileges is committed to American Christians; it is a special trust to the churches in this land; and for the wise and faithful discharge of this all-important trust, God will unquestionably hold us to a strict This is truly a great work, requiring all our energies and reaccountability. sources, and every year this work is increasing, both in magnitude and import-Think for a moment of the vast extent of the missionary field in this land, and the immense moral wastes found in all portions of this vast country. Look at the amazing rapidity with which our population increases, and the constant spreading of that population to take possession of new lands. Ponder well the peculiar obligation resting on Christians in this land to furnish the whole population with the means of knowing the way of life. Look at the alarming spread of the most dangerous and destructive errors, which threaten to sweep away every thing that . is valuable to us, both in Church and State; and bear in mind, that for these alarming evils, the gospel furnishes the only effectual remedy; and that the same gospel can alone secure to our people the invaluable blessings of civil and religious liberty here, and prepare them for a blessed immortality. Look at the great contest which is now going on, in this land, between the powers of darkness and the kingdom of light, and the peculiar interest the Presbyterian Church has in this contest. Think seriously of the present alarming crisis in our land, and of the incalculable value of the present time in the work of Domestic Missions; and in view of all these momentous considerations, with the eye of our redeeming God upon us, and the realities of the judgment before us, let each decide for himself what is expected of him in this work.

Brethren, what we do in this work must be done quickly. Every moment's delay incurs the displeasure of God, and hazards the loss of souls. Not a moment is to be lost. Now, emphatically, is our time to work; now is the day for salvation

to our land.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Abstract of the Annual Report presented to the General Assembly, May 1845.

This General Assembly terminates the twenty-fifth year of the Board of Education. Since the last report, seventy-one new candidates have been received upon the funds, making the whole number aided from the beginning, just fifteen hundred.

The number under the care of the Board during the last year, has been FOUR

HUNDRED AND ELEVEN. Of these there have been,

In their Theological course, In nineteen Colleges,	137 162
In their Academical course,	68
Under the immediate care of Presbyterics, and stage of study	
not reported,	13
Teaching to procure funds,	31
Total,	411

No less than fifty-five of these have now finished their course of studies with

credit, and gone into the field of active usefulness.

The Board have steadily carried out their determination to raise the standard of requirement both as to talents and piety, so as to present to the churches for their support, only such as may be relied upon as worthy of full confidence. Thirteen young men have consequently ceased to receive aid, not because they were destitute of qualifications, but merely because they fell short of the present elevated standard. The fixed policy of the Board is to withdraw their support, and throw them upon their own resources, whenever a serious doubt is raised as to their fitness. In nearly every case where this has been done, during the last four years, the candidates had been taken up during the first stage of their studies, and generally quite early in life. It deserves to be specially remarked, 1. that the number of these is so small, that two cents out of every dollar, will cover the whole loss arising from this source: and 2, that the education thus imparted is worth far more than it costs, even where the individuals never enter the ministry at all.

In regard to the character of those who have been introduced, into the sacred office, through the agency of the Board, the report contains the following remarkable facts. 1. While they are filling some of the most commanding positions in our Church, they have furnished about two-thirds of our Foreign missionaries, and more than one-half of those who are toiling in the same service among the destitutions of our own land. 2. While they have aided in all fifteen hundred young men, and from thirty-five to fifty-five have entered the ministry annually for the last ten years, yet of all the ministers without charge in our connexion, as shown by the Minutes of the Assembly, only nine were ever aided by the Board at all;

and of these nine, only two received over \$200.

The amount of resources at the command of the Board during the year, as shown by the Treasurer's Report, was \$34,062 61. This is exclusive of the receipts of such Presbyterial and Synodical Education Societies, as do not report through the Board. It is also exclusive of a large amount of funds raised and paid to beneficiaries by individuals and churches, over and above the allowance fixed by the rules of the Board. Besides these two items, there are scholarships for the benefit of candidates for the ministry, in connexion with several of our Institutions, which yield from four to six thousand dollars a year. These are all part and parcel of the Education scheme of the Presbyterian Church. And still further, large sums have been collected during the last year, for the endowment of Professorships in our Institutions, with a view to the same objects, viz. to bring the expenses of ministerial education within the reach of the pious and gifted among the poor. The total amount contributed during the past year for all these purposes, bearing directly upon the same object, must have exceeded one hundred thousand dollars.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Publication presented to the General Assembly, May, 1845.

During the year ending March 30, 1845, the Presbyterian Board of Publication have added to their catalogue twenty-eight new books, amounting in all to 53,000 copies, varying in size from royal-octavo to 32mo., and in price, from \$4 to 4 cents. Of these works, eighteen are Sabbath School books, peculiarly suited in style,

size and price, for the use of children.

They have also printed 71,500 volumes of new editions from stereotype plates. From the above statement, the Assembly will perceive that a majority of the works issued during the year have been of the smaller kind, and designed more especially for children and youth. So great has been the demand for books of this description from the beginning, that the Board have deemed it their duty to increase the number as fast as they could obtain such as, in their opinion, were suited to this purpose.

Among their late selections for the juvenile reader, will be found some of the

most attractive, as well as useful, that have appeared on their list.

The beautiful edition of Bunyan, which was announced in the last Report as then about to be issued, has been received with the highest favour by the public. Gratifying testimonials of its acceptance have been given not only by the commendation of the press, but in the ready sale of between two and three thousand copies. They have also in the press an elegant quarto edition of this popular and useful work.

At the suggestion of some friends of the Board, they published a cheaper edition of this and of several other works on their catalogue, to bring them within the reach of those whose restricted means would preclude them from obtaining books

in the better and more costly form.

But the limited demand for the cheaper and inferior volumes has confirmed the Board in the opinion, that they have best consulted the taste and jndgment, as well as the advantage of the church in the superior character and style of their publications, notwithstanding the small additional expense.

The amount of moneys received during the last year, including a balance in the

treasury at the date of last Report, is \$37,527 71.

From the report of the Treasurer, the Assembly will be happy to learn that the financial department of the Board is still managed with prudence and fidelity. Since the date of the last Report, they have leased for a term of years a large and commodious edifice in the vicinity of their former location. The fitting up of this building involved some expense, but the increasing business of the Board had made enlarged accommodations indispensable; and the new building is admirably adapted to the purposes of the Institution.

The Reports of both the Publishing Agent and the Treasurer will show that the

labours of the Board have been attended with success.

By a rigid adherence to the terms of sale which were early adopted and widely circulated, while their business has greatly increased, they have been enabled to obey the injunction of a former Assembly, to preserve their funds from loss, and also to keep on hand such a capital as will enable them to manage their concerns to the greatest advantage. It is still a subject of regret, however, that a more extended and cordial obedience has not been rendered to another most important resolution of the same Assembly, namely, "That it be earnestly recommended to every Presbytery, or at least to every Synod, to establish a depository, which shall be their own property, by collecting on such a plan as they may deem best, a sufficient sum of money to fill the depository on the principle of cash purchase."

The Board would reiterate in this Report the sentiments of their last: that the only feasible mode in which the usefulness and efficiency of this Institution can be best promoted, is by systematic, vigorous, and persevering efforts in doing what

this resolution commends.

The Board moreover would respectfully invite the attention of the Assembly to another subject very closely connected with the pecuniary interests of the Institution. By their want of corporate capacities they are liable to losses of money which might come into their hands, had they legal authority to recover and hold it.

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They would therefore suggest to the Assembly the expediency of authorizing them to apply at such time as they may think proper to legislative authority for corporate powers, in such form as may by them be thought advisable, to receive

and collect legacies bequeathed, and other gifts made to the Board.

With regard to the recommendation of the Assembly of 1843, on the subject of "publishing the Minutes of the Assembly from its first meeting in the year 1789," the Board have only to state, that the responses to their circular letter sent to all the Presbyteries requesting their opinion and cooperation, are not such as to justify them in undertaking a work which must absorb so large a portion of their funds, without any reasonable prospect of their being recovered for years to come, if at all from the product of its sale.

The Board would again take occasion to express in behalf of the church, their grateful acknowledgments to those benevolent friends by whose continued and increasing liberality, they have not only been furnished with the means of publishing many valuable works at a greatly reduced cost, but have been enabled to supply gratuitously more than twenty-three congregations with libraries, compris-

ing the whole or a part of the books which they have hitherto issued.

In conclusion, while the Board would recognize with gratitude the signal favour of God during another year of prosperity, they would solicit for themselves as well as for the Institution entrusted to their management, an habitual remembrance in the prayers of the Assembly.

TO STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are respectfully requested to use the requisite effort to have their Presbyterial Reports complete; to have them accompanied on the lower margin with an historical account of changes; and to have them signed by their names as Stated Clerks. It is also requested, that if they order Minutes for individuals not belonging to the Presbytery, on the same sheet with the Report, they would make the memorandum so as not to interfere with the regular table; and that all proper names and numbers should be very legibly written. It is desirable that the Statistical Reports should be transmitted by mail immediately after the spring meetings of Presbyteries, and at the latest they must arrive during the sittings of the General Assembly to insure their insertion in the Minutes.

The information in the Reports of Presbyteries should reach as nearly as possible to the time of the meeting of the Assembly. This, however, may be determined by each Presbytery or Stated Clerk establishing it as a rule that there shall be some fixed period for the close of the ecclesiastical year. Thus if a Presbytery closes their ecclesiastical year on the first of March, April, or May, let their report uniformly reach that point, and not extend beyond it, otherwise the same matters

may be reported on two successive years.

The Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are reminded that the Narrative of Religion, or any other document intended for the Assembly, with the exception of the Statistical Report, should not be sent on to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly charged with postage. The Stated Clerk is authorized to pay postage only on the Statistical Reports, and it is hoped that this will hereafter be borne in mind. In several instances, the Narrative of Religion has been written on the back of the Statistical Report. Stated Clerks should be apprized that in such cases, the Narratives cannot be handed to the committee of the Assembly on that subject, and are therefore lost. It is hoped that this fact will prevent the recurrence of this practice. Notwithstanding the earnest request made last year, some of the Presbyteries have reported odd cents, subjecting the Stated Clerk of the Assembly to the very serious trouble of incorporating the cents with the dollar columns, and summing up the whole again. The order of the Assembly is that only dollars shall be reported, except in case of the Contingent Fund, and it is hoped that this order will hereafter be strictly adhered to. Where the printed blanks are not at hand, Stated Clerks will please to copy the form at the end of the Minutes, as any inversion in the order of the columns perplexes the printer, and may lead to mistakes; and to be careful not to put any columns in addition to those authorized by the Assembly. While some of the Statistical Reports are prepared with great care and accuracy, others are blotted, interlined and confused almost beyond the power of decyphering them.

TO PRESBYTERIES.

It would save much trouble and some mistakes if all Presbyteries would transmit a sufficient sum to pay for the Minutes, at the rate of fifty cents for each member. The memoranda which are sometimes sent to the Stated Clerk are defective, and leave him in doubt what members of a Presbytery are entitled to the Minutes, as a sufficient sum to supply all has not been transmitted. As the Contingent Fund is not only chargeable with the expense of printing the Minutes, but with all the contingent expenses of the Assembly, and the paying delegates to foreign bodies, the Presbyteries should see the propriety of contributing something to it, in addition to the price required for their Minutes. It is requested that Presbyteries would not report any thing under the head of Contingent Fund but what is actually paid to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, or the Stated Clerk of the Assembly. It is desirable, also, that the Presbyteries should not only see that the church Sessions furnish the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries with the necessary data for their Statistical Reports to the Assembly, but ascertain that their Stated Clerks perform their duty in a business-like manner.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of the Stated Clerks of the respective Synods, to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an annual report, stating, in brief, the number of Presbyteries, ministers, churches, licentiates, and candidates within their bounds, and particularly all changes which may have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. By the Assembly of 1841, (see p. 425,) it has been made their duty also to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods.

STANDING RULE.

In the Minutes of the General Assembly for the year 1821, is the following important rule, which was adopted by the Assembly. "An overture from the Synod of North Carolina was received and read, and is as follows: viz.

"Whereas the General Assembly is the highest and most important judicatory of the Presbyterian Church; and whereas to obtain the Divine blessing on that judicatory must appear, to every Christian of our denomination, to be a matter of the

utmost moment; therefore,

"Resolved, That this Synod do respectfully suggest to the General Assembly the propriety of recommending to all the churches under their care, to observe, annually, the afternoon or evening previous to the meeting of that body, as a season of special prayer to Almighty God for his blessing; that he would, of his infinite mercy, condescend to superintend and direct all their measures, deliberations, and decisions; so that all may redound to the promotion of His own glory, and the general prosperity of that particular Church to which we belong."

REGULATION RESPECTING THE MINUTES.

Adopted by the Assemblies of 1836 and 1837, and directed to be re-published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

"Each Presbytery shall forward to the Treasurer, for the Contingent Fund of the Assembly, at or before the meeting of the Assembly in each year, a sum equal to fifty cents for each member of the Presbytery, and for any licentiate or other person who shall desire the Minutes, and whose post-office address shall be given. And the Stated Clerk shall not forward the Minutes to the members of any Presbytery from which no such remittance shall be made, but only to the Stated Clerk of such Presbytery, and to such members as shall forward the sum above stated."

NAMES OF THE MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A. D. 1789, * Rev. John Rodgers, D. D., of New York. 1790, * Rev. Robert Smith, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1791, * Rev. John Woodhull, D. D., New Jersey. 1792, * Rev. John King, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1793, * Rev. James Latta, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1794, * Rev. Alexander McWhorter, D. D., New Jersey. 1795, * Rev. John McKnight, D. D., New York. 1796, * Rev. Robert Davidson, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1797, * Rev. William M. Tennent, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1798, * Rev. John Blair Smith, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1799, * Rev. Samuel Stanhope Smith, D. D., LL. D., New Jersey. 1800, * Rev. Joseph Clark, D. D., New Jersey. 1801, * Rev. Nathaniel Irwin, Pennsylvania. 1802, * Rev. Azel Roe, D. D., New Jersey. 1803, * Rev. James Hall, D. D., North Carolina. 1804, * Rev. James F. Armstrong, New Jersey. 1805, * Rev. James Richards, D. D., New Jersey. Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., New York. Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., Pennsylvania. Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1809, * Rev. Drury Lacy, Virginia. 1810, * Rev. John Brodhead Romeyn, D. D., New York. Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D. D., New York. 1812, * Rev. Andrew Flinn, D. D., South Carolina. 1813, * Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., New York. 1814, * Rev. James Inglis, D. D., Maryland. 1815, Rev. William Neill, D. D., New York. 1816, * Rev. James Blythe, D. D., Kentucky. 1817, * Rev. Jonas Coe, D. D., New York. Rev. Jacob Jones Janeway, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1819, * Rev. John Holt Rice, D. D., Virginia. Rev. John McDowell, D. D., New Jersey. Rev. William Hill, D. D., Virginia. 1822. * Rev. Obadiah Jennings, D. D., Ohio. 1823, * Rev. John Chester, D. D., New York. 1824, Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., LL. D., Pennsylvania. 1625, * Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., New York. 1826, Rev. Thomas McAuley, D. D., LL. D., New York. 1827, Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., Pennsylvania. Rev. Ezra Styles Ely, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1828, 1829, Rev. Benjamin Holt Rice, D. D., Virginia. 1830, * Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., New York. 1831, Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., New York. 1832, Rev. James Hoge, D. D., Ohio. Rev. William A. McDowell, D. D., South Carolina. 1833, Rev. Philip Lindsey, D. D., Tennessee. 1834, 1835, Rev. William W. Phillips, D. D., New York. Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D., South Carolina. 1836, Rev. David Elliott, D. D., Pennsylvania. Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., Virginia. Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., Ohio. 1837, 1838, 1839, Rev. William M. Engles, D. D., Pennsylvania. 1840, Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D. D., Maryland. 1841, Rev. John T. Edgar, D. D., Tennessee. 1842, 1843, Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., New York. 1844, Rev. George Junkin, D. D., Ohio.

1845,

Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D., New York.

*Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A. D. 1788, * Rev. George Duffield, D. D.

1790, Rev. Ashbel Green D. D., LL. D.

1803, Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D. 1806, * Rev. Nathaniel Irwin.

1807, Rev. Jacob Jones Janeway, D. D.

Rev. William Neill, D. D. Rev. Ezra Styles Ely, D. D. Rev. John McDowell, D. D. 1817,

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1840, Rev. William M. Engles, D. D.

PERMANENT CLERKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A. D. 1802, * Rev. Nathaniel Irwin.

1807,* Rev. John Ewing Latta.

1825, Rev. John McDowell, D. D. 1837, Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D. 1845, Rev. Robert Davidson, D. D.

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A GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS.

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	STATED CLERKS,	REUBEN SMITH.	Јони С. Lord, D. D.	Јони М. Каевs, D. D.	RAVAUD K. RODGERS.	3d Wednesday of October, 1845, H. R. Wilson, D. D. 7 o'clock, P. M.	WILLIAM JEFFERY.	C. C. Beatty, D. D.	SIMEON BROWN.	SAMUEL STERL.
	TIME OF NEXT MEETING.	October, 1845, 7 o'clock, P. M. Reuben Smith.	3d Wednesday of August, 1845, 2 o'clock, P. M. John C. Lord, D. D.	October, 1845, 3½ o'clock P. M.	3d Tuesday of October, 1845, 3g o'clock, P. M.	of October, 1845, 7 o'clock, P. M.	Allegheny City, Pa. 3d Wednesday of September, 1845, William Jeffery. 7 o'clock, P. M	3d Tuesday of October, 1845, 6 o'clock, P. M.	Last Thursday of September, 1845, Simeon Brown. 11 o'clock, A. M.	3d Thursday of October, 1845, II o'clock, A. M. SANUEL STEEL.
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	RESPECTIVE PRESBYTERIES.	Londonderry, Troy, Albany, Columbia.	Ogdensburg, Steuben, Wy-	Hudson, North River, Bed- ford, Long Island, New York, New York, 2d.	Elizabetlitown, New Bruns-wick, West Jersey, Newton, Raritan, Susquehan-na, Luzerne.	Philada., Philada. 2d, New Castle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle, Hunting-don, Northumberland.	Blairsville, Redstone, Obio, Allegheny, Beaver, Erie, Clarion.	Washington, Steubenville, St. Clairsville, New Lis- bon.	Columbus, Marion, Zanes- ville, Richland, Wooster, Coshocton, Hocking,	Chilicothe, Miami, Cincin- nati, Oxford, Sidney, Mau- mee,
	SYNODS,	Albany.	Buffalo.	New York.	New Jersey.	Philadelphia.	Pittsburgh.	Wheeling.	Ohio,	Cincinnati.

Indiana.	Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapo- lis.	54	66	5052	Vincennes, Ia.	1st Thursday of October, 1845, Phineas D. Gurley. 7 o'clock, P. M.
Northern Indi-	Northern Indi- Logansport, Michigan, Lake, Fort Wayne.	56	522	1910	Logansport, Ia.	2d Thursday of October, 1845, 11. EDWARD W. WRIGHT.
Illinois.	Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Schuyler, Palestine, Peo-	43	112	3514	3514 Jacksonville, Ill.	2d Thursday of October, 1845, John G. Bergen. 7 o'clock, P. M.
Missouri.	Missouri, St. Louis, Palmyra, Potosi, Upper Missouri.	33	69	2991	St. Louis, Mo.	3d Thursday of October, 1845, Tolclock, P. M. S. Porrs, D. D.
Kentucky.	Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lex- ington, Ebenezer.	75	133	7318	Harrodsburg, Ky.	Last Thursday of September, 1845, S. M. ROBERTS. 7 o' clock, P. M.
Virginia.	Greenbrier, Lexington, Winchester, West Hanover, East Hanover, Mont- gomery.	111	142	9957	 Charlottesville, Va.	Wednesday, October 8th, 1845, WM. S. PLUMER, D. D. 7 o'clock P. M.
North Carolina.	North Carolina. Orange, Fayetteville, Con-	75	139	9607	Charlotte, N. C.	Friday, November 7th, 1845, 7 o'clock, P. M. Colin McIver.
West Tennes- sec.	Tennes- Holston, West Tennessee, Nashville, North Alaba- ma, Western District.	42	7.8	3991	Clarksville, Tenn.	On Thursday preceding the 3d Sabbath of October, 1845, J. T. Edgar, D. D. 7 o'clock P. M.
S. Carolina, & Georgia.	S. Carolina, & South Carolina, Bethel, Har-Georgia. Hopewell, Flint River, Florida, Cherokee	122	193	11518		See Act of Assembly dividing this Synod.
Alabama.	South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, East Alabama.	39) 62	3221	Valley Creek Church, Ala.	Valley Creek Church, On Thursday, before the 4th Sab. Ala. Ala.
Mississippi.	Mississippi, Louisiana, Clin- ton, Tombeckbee, Chick- asaw, Arkansas, Indian, New Orleans.	63	66	3546	 Columbus, Miss.	4th Wednesday of October, 1845, John H. Van Court.
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FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of	£	report to the	General Assembly, that they consi	st of Ministers, and have und
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Follow the above with a historical account of the changes of the year, as heretofore,

Agents, Ag., to Chaplains, Chap,, and to Editors, Edt., to congregations which have pastors, annex P., to those which have stated supplies, S. S., and to those which are vacant, V. (See also minute of Assembly, page 19 of the present number.) Give the names of licentiates, but only the number of candidates, without name. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may all be carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex P., to stated supplies, S. S., to Domestic Missionaries, D. M., to Foreign Missionaries, F. M., to Presidents of Colleges, Pres., to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, Prof., to

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.

The General Assembly has under its care twenty-one Synods, comprising one hundred and fifteen Presbyteries, viz.

- 1. The Synod of ALBANY, containing the four Presbyteries of Londonderry, Troy, Albany and Columbia.
- 2. The Synod of BUFFALO, containing the four Presbyterics of Steuben, Wyoming, Ogdensburg and Buffalo City.
- 3. The Synod of NEW YORK, containing the six Presbyteries of Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, New York and New York 2d.
- 4. The Synod of NEW JERSEY, containing the seven Presbyteries of Elizabethtown, New Brunswick, West Jersey, Newton, Raritan, Susquehanna and Luzerne.
- 5. The Synod of PHILADELPHIA, containing the eight Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 2d, New Castle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland.
- 6. The Synod of PITTSBURGH, containing the seven Presbyteries of Blairsville, Redstone, Ohio, Allegheny, Beaver, Eric and Clarion.
- 7. The Synod of WHEELING, containing the four Presbyteries of Washington, Steubenville, St. Clairsville and New Lisbon.
- 8. The Synod of OHIO, containing the seven Presbyteries of Columbus, Marion, Zanesville, Richland, Wooster, Coshocton and Hocking.
- 9. The Synod of CINCINNATI, containing the six Presbyteries of Chilicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, Oxford, Sidney and Maumee.
- 10. The Synod of INDIANA, containing the five Presbyteries of Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville and Indianapolis.
- 11. The Synod of NORTHERN INDIANA, containing the four Presbyteries of Logansport, Michigan, Lake and Fort Wayne.
- 12. The Synod of ILLINOIS, containing the six Presbytcries of Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Schuyler, Palestine, Peoria and Iowa.
- 13. The Synod of MISSOURI, containing the five Presbyteries of Missouri, St-Louis, Palmyra, Potosi and Upper Missouri.
- 14. The Synod of KENTUCKY, containing the five Presbyteries of Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lexington and Ebenezer.
- 15. The Synod of VIRGINIA, containing the six Presbyteries of Greenbrier, Lexington, Winchester, West Hanover, East Hanover and Montgomery.
- 16. The Synod of NORTH CAROLINA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Orange, Fayetteville and Concord.
- 17. The Synod of WEST TENNESSEE, containing the five Presbyteries of Holston, West Tennessee, Nashville, North Alabama and Western District.
- 18. The Synod of SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA, containing the nine Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston, Georgia, Hopewell, Flint River, Florida and Cherokee.
- 19. The Synod of ALABAMA, containing the three Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuscaloosa and East Alabama.
- 20. The Synod of MISSISSIPPI, containing the eight Presbyteries of Mississippi, Louisiana, Clinton, Tombeckbee, Chickasaw, Arkansas, Indian and New Orleans.
- 21. The Synod of NORTHERN INDIA, containing the three Presbyteries of Lodiana, Furrukabad and Allahabad.

PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL TABLES.

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MINISTERS, &c.		. ¹	A. L. Bloodgood, W. C. Chauncy G. Lee, W. C. William James, W. C. Gilbert Morgan, Prof.—35.	Hiram W. Bulkley, David Kelly,	Charles M. Morehouse, Clement M. Davison.	Candidates-19.	4. Presbytery of Columbia. J. Judson Buck, P.		Wm. M. Snyder, W. C.—6. Licentiate—1. David Mills.

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SYNOD OF BUFFALO. 1. Presb. of Ogdensburgh. o Join A. Savage, P. r. James Rodgers, P. X. John M. Macgregor S.S. F. Henry E. Eastman, S.S. John R. Bodge, Agent, o Joseph A. Rossect, W. C.—6. Candidates—4.		2. Presbytery of Steuben. David Harrower, S. S. Silas Pratt, D. M. Isaac W. Platt, W. C. Lewis Cheeseman, S. S. Thomas Aikton, P. Edwin H. Reinlart, P. Robert Finley, P. Adam Craig, P. L. Merril Miller, S. S.—9.		3. Presbytery of Wyoming. Alexander Dencon, P. George Colton, W. C. Richard Kay, S. S. Pliny Twichell, P. Jacob Hart, S. S. John W. McDonald, P. Edwin Bronson, S. S.

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GENERAL VIEW.

During the last ecclesiastical year the three new Presbyteries of Buffalo city,

Fort Wayne and New Orleans, have been organized and duly recognized.

There have been added to the Church during the same period, seven thousand three hundred and twenty-nine Communicants, on profession of their faith, and five thousand and seventy-six on certificate, making the whole number of Communicants at present, one hundred and seventy-one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine. There h

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